

late Miss Beatrice Jones, R.R.C., Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., who died in Mesopotamia, and other recently deceased members of the League.

REPORT OF HON. TREASURER OF BENEVOLENT FUND.

Mrs. Matthews then presented the Report of the Benevolent Fund, and reported that there was £72 4s. 3d. in hand, £50 of which had been placed on deposit, in addition to the investment of 100 War Savings Certificates. One object of the Benevolent Fund was to grant temporary loans to members without interest, the scope of such loans being undefined, and it was considered that such loans might be granted to members who desired to obtain midwifery, massage, or other special training, but were unable to pay the fees.

The President said that the sub-committee were prepared to receive applications for such loans. She hoped this decision would be spread through the hospital, and would stimulate interest in the Fund. It was proposed, and agreed, to add two staff nurses to the sub-committee, and Miss Chinnery-Brown and Miss Brook were appointed.

ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

Mrs. Shuter then gave a Report of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, which now stood at nearly £700, which would bring in an annual income of £35.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Fund, gave an account of the objects of the Fund, the interest of which would be available in the future for various forms of education and educational gifts.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

The President then read the Report from the scrutineers of voting papers at the election of four members to succeed the four retiring from the Executive Committee. Those elected were Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., Miss Longley, Miss E. M. Macfarlane, R.R.C., Mrs. de Segundo.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick drew attention to the great honour conferred on Miss Le Geyt by the Minister of Health in appointing her a member of the Central Midwives' Board, and proposed the League's congratulations should be conveyed to her. This elicited applause and was agreed.

After tea in the Great Hall, during which the members of the nursing staff provided a charming musical programme, arranged by Miss Eyre, a delightful lecture on Old London was given by Mr. Allen Walker, a prelude to a series to be given in the autumn. In proposing a vote of thanks at its conclusion the President predicted a bumper attendance at the autumn course, tickets for which may be obtained from Sister Rahere.

LANSDOWNE HOUSE BALL.

Lansdowne House is to be the scene on June 22nd of the most important charity ball since the war. It is in aid of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and the Prince of Wales has announced his intention of being present.

AMERICAN NURSES' MEMORIAL.

ECOLE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

A MOST IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

All who were privileged to be present at Bagatelle on June 5th, when Miss Helen Scott Hay laid the foundation stone of the Florence Nightingale College of Nursing, in connection with the Maison de Santé Protestante at Bordeaux, are unanimous in describing it as "a most impressive ceremony," and Miss Scott Hay writes us: "I wish you might have been present and seen the beautiful exercises in Bordeaux. They were quite impressive and Dr. Anna Hamilton received a regular ovation. Every speaker said just those beautiful things of her to which she is so richly entitled."

From the programme we learn that under the Presidency of Admiral Magruder, the ceremony opened with a fanfare of music, followed by impressive addresses by M. Henri Cruse, President of the Maison de Santé, by Colonel Emerson, Director of the American Red Cross Medical Service in France, by M. Olds, Commissioner of the American Red Cross in France, and by Admiral Magruder, Attaché to the Ambassador in France. The American Hymn was beautifully sung by the assembled nurses, after which the Préfet of the Gironde, the Mayor of Talence, the Mayor of Bordeaux, and the Consul of the United States at Bordeaux, spoke of the great work the Nursing School would accomplish. The nurses then rendered the "Marseillaise" magnificently.

THE LAYING OF THE STONE.

Miss Helen Scott Hay, Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross in Europe, then laid the Corner Stone of the College, and spoke in clear and impressive tones of the scheme of the Memorial to comrades who died for liberty on active duty in the Great War.

In a brass box under the stone was placed the list of the 278 American Nurses who died by bombshell, torpedo, or disease.

Three Reports of the School, photographs of Dr. Hamilton and the nurses, March, 1921; a silver quarter dollar, with the words, "In God we Trust," were also placed under the Stone.

The School Charter was then signed by Miss H. Scott Hay, Colonel Emerson, Chairman of the American Nurses' Memorial Fund in Paris, M. Henri Cruse, Chairman of the Hospital, and Dr. Anna Hamilton.

A message from Miss Clara D. Noyes, President of the American Nurses' Association, was delivered by Miss Scott Hay, which message terminated in the words to be placed on the front of the School building:

"A LA FRANCE, A L'HUMANITE :

"En souvenir de nos camarades tombées au champ d'honneur, nous, gardes-malades des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, dédions ce monument commémoratif—l'Ecole Florence Nightingale, destinée à

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