

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

In the Financial Report, it was satisfactory to note that there had been an excess of income over the expenditure of £85 4s. 1d. This the Hon. Treasurer regarded as encouraging in view of the fact that there had been exceedingly heavy expenses in connection with the present premises and also with those of which the Lease had been surrendered during the year. He thanked the House Committee for the valuable work they had done in guiding the inaugural work of the Club, and stated that the Association was specially indebted to Mrs. Campbell Thomson in this connection. Warm appreciation was expressed of the splendid support given to the Club in the Press by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. There was a small excess of income over expenditure in the Helena Benevolent Fund, while the expenditure in the Settlement Fund had exceeded the income by £99 18s. 9d., owing to certain structural repairs which had become advisable. The efforts of the members had been chiefly concentrated on founding the Amy Elizabeth Good annuity, to the memory of a fellow member who died recently. The financial Report was seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who congratulated the members warmly on a very successful year. She considered the Association had great reason to be pleased with the results of their latest enterprise.

ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL.

The following were elected Members of the General Council, to fill vacancies caused by members retiring as provided for in Byelaw 17: *Medical men*: A. Beddard, Esq., M.D.; F. Foord Craiger, Esq., M.D.; Andrew S. Currie, Esq., M.D.; Sir Stanley Hewitt, K.C.V.O., M.D.; Leslie Paton, Esq., F.R.C.S.; Eric Pritchard, Esq., M.D.; Sir Alfred J. Rice-Oxley, C.B.E., M.D., J.P.; Dr. J. McGregor Robertson, F.F.P.S., F.R.S.Edin.; E. A. Saunders, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.; R. H. Jocelyn Swann, Esq., F.R.C.S. *Matrons and Superintendents of Hospitals*: Miss Bedwell, Miss Breay, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Drakard, Miss Hughes, Miss Huxley, Miss Northover, Miss Pearse, Miss Sinzininex, R.R.C., Miss Sutton. *Sisters and Nurses*: Misses A. Cattell, A. Clapp, E. Duncan, S. Gilligan, C. E. Goode, G. Griffin, J. Hutton, C. Liddiatt, E. Swaby Smith, and M. Trevena.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

On the motion of the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Messrs. Pittman, Smyth and Aris were elected Auditors for the coming year.

VOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CHAIR.

Her Royal Highness graciously expressed a wish to move from the chair the vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers and expressed her appreciation of all their devoted service to the Association; personally she appreciated this most deeply.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRESIDENT.

The Nurse Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness the President, and said how great was the pleasure that it gave to the members to have her preside at their annual gathering.

This vote was accorded by acclamation, for which Her Royal Highness made most gracious acknowledgment.

The meeting then terminated, the members in happy mood rejoicing at the successful work accomplished by their Royal Chartered Corporation during 1921.

"NOT FORGOTTEN,"

THE R.B.N.A. MEMBERS' "AT HOME" TO THE GENTLEMEN OF ST. DUNSTAN'S.

It has been arranged that we entertain the blind soldiers of St. Dunstan's on Saturday, 15th inst., and we shall be glad if those members who will be kind enough to act as hostesses will arrive at three p.m. on that afternoon. We shall be pleased to receive subscriptions to buy cigarettes and other nice things which will help to make those, who have sacrificed so much for their country, have as thoroughly happy an afternoon as the Nurses can give to them.

THE CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

"LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER."

Thoughtful women throughout the Kingdom are very earnestly in favour of the principles of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, promoted by the Bishop of London, and introduced into the House of Commons by the Home Secretary, and are also becoming more and more indignant with the political tactics which have for so long deferred the passing of this Bill to protect young girls from outrage, and often from physical and moral ruin.

What some of us realise is that more knowledge and conviction and earnest agitation upon the part of women is required to convince men of the demoralisation of the present conditions. No class of women know more of these tragic cases than trained nurses, who come into such close touch with the seamy side of life. We, therefore, owe it as a duty to the community to come out and support those men and women who are working for the higher and more equal moral law.

A meeting to discuss the Bill now before Parliament will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, on July 22nd, when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will open discussion by a reading from "Little Cuckoo Flower," a tragic little story written by her on the terrible theme of "death from outrage and shock."

If our nurses would earnestly use their influence in support of the Bill, we believe many politicians would listen to their special pleading.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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