

APPLICATIONS.

Applications for membership were then considered, and the applicants elected, with one exception, in which the application was held over.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss S. A. Villiers, then presented the Financial Statement for 1922, which closed with a satisfactory balance in hand.

On the proposition of Miss Anderson Parsons, seconded by Miss G. Lord, this was adopted.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, then presented the Report for the year ending December 31st, 1922. The Council has held meetings, by kind invitation of the Matrons and Boards of Management, at the London Temperance Hospital and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, at those institutions, and also at the Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., many interesting questions being discussed at the conclusion of the business meetings.

On the proposition of Miss Elma Smith, the Report was adopted.

Arising out of the Report was the question of the appointment of members to attend meetings and conferences. Several members notified their willingness to do so on request, and other names were suggested.

RE-ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

The Hon. Officers were re-elected for another term of office, and a vote of thanks accorded to them for their services in the past year.

RESOLUTION.

It was unanimously resolved:—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland protests against the unnecessary expense incurred by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and the waste of the nurses' money occasioned, in consequence of the mismanagement of the first Election of Direct Representatives to serve on the Council, as well as against the additional expense and work imposed upon the Independent Candidates, who had to circularise the electorate a second time owing to the quashing of the first election."

It was further resolved that the Resolution should be forwarded to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The meeting then terminated, and on the invitation of Miss Bickerton those present adjourned, and a most sumptuous tea was

served, the Sisters and nurses being indefatigable in waiting upon the guests.

ENTERTAINMENT.

At 5 o'clock a charming entertainment was given by the Nursing Staff, opening with a song, "The Nightingale in June," by Nurse Miller, and a violin solo, most cleverly executed, by Nurse Fairchild.

These were followed by a musical Play, entitled "Enchanted" (An Eastern Fantasy), specially written for the occasion by one of the Sisters.

THE SYNOPSIS.

While the Prince and Princess of Arabia were on a visit to a neighbouring King, the Prince mysteriously disappeared. The King immediately goes in quest of him, and, with the help of the Spirits of Nature, by whom the Prince is beloved, succeeds in finding him, and restoring him to his Princess.

The stage management, the dresses, the Eastern atmosphere created, the songs and music, and whole production of the play reflect the greatest credit on originator and players. There was, of course, a Wizard, by whom the Prince was turned to stone, and a Spirit of the Lake, who revealed to the King how the enchantment could be overcome. The various black creepy things on the curtains of the stage added to the realism of the Wizard's stock-in-trade.

During the play a lucky basket was passed round containing little bottles of scent, of which the audience were invited to possess themselves.

The *Dramatis Personæ* were King Melca (Sister Collins), the Prince (Nurse Stewart), the Princess (Nurse Miller), the Wizard (Sister Davies), the Spirit of the Lake (Sister Fowler), the King's Slave (Sister Moase), and Slaves (Nurse Pearse and Nurse Matthews), to whom great thanks are due for the charming entertainment provided, as well as to Miss Bickerton and the Committee of the Hospital for the invitation to the Matrons' Council to meet there.

All present were agreed that a most delightful afternoon had been spent.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

A meeting of the National Baby Week Council is being held at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, London, W.1, on Thursday, March 15th, at 3 p.m., when Lord Astor, Chairman of the Council, will preside. The special purpose of the meeting is to consider the plan of the present year's campaign, which is to be presented by Dr. Eric Pritchard, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who is also presenting its report.

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