

She added a personal touch that the day was her birthday. She then announced that 57 letters of regret from members all over the country, at their inability to be present, had been received.

REPORTS.

The following reports were presented:—

From the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund.

Mrs. Matthews presented the report of the Benevolent Fund which showed that one loan of £16 had been made during the year, which had been repaid within three months, and one grant of £1. The balance in hand in the current account was £20 4s. 3d., on deposit account £50, and in War Savings Certificates £100, which was earning 5 per cent.

From the Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Miss Mabel Sleigh, S.R.N., presented the Financial statement for the year. The subscriptions had come in well, but a number of members were still in arrears. She had sent out 300 reminders, and had received 169 replies. The bank balance was £140, which was growing. She thought, therefore, that the finances might be considered to be in a satisfactory condition.

THE NURSES' HOME FUND.

Miss Sleigh announced that cash deposited at the Bank amounted to £831. The running account, money invested, and interest amounted to £156 18s. 10d. This was in addition to the £2,000 already raised.

From the Secretary.

Miss H. T. Baines, S.R.N., then presented her report as Secretary, showing that 46 new members had joined the League during the year, 5 had been reinstated, 9 had resigned, and 2, she reported with regret, had died.

From the Treasurer of the Isla Stewart Fund.

Mrs. Shuter said that, at the close of the financial year the Committee had £40 in hand, of which they invested £20 to raise the capital to £700.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said the International Council of Nurses was to hold its next meeting in Helsingfors, Finland, in 1925, and if the Fund conserved its annual income there would be a nice balance from which to make grants to League members who wished to attend the Congress.

The President remarked there would be plenty of applicants.

The Retiring Vice-President.

Miss Todd then said that they bade farewell to Mrs. Andrews as Vice-President with great regret, and, in the name of the League, presented her with a lovely bouquet of love-in-the-mist and corn-flowers, most tastefully arranged.

Mrs. Andrews, in expressing her thanks, made a felicitous little speech. She said the flowers were beautiful but they would fade. The thought that had prompted the gift would not fade, and she thanked the League most sincerely.

We always regard Mrs. Andrews as the orator of the League, and we think she lived up to her

reputation in the charming impromptu speech, which was warmly applauded, and will, no doubt, be fully reported in *League News*.

The New Vice-President.

The next business was the election of a Vice-President. The President said that the Executive Committee had nominated Miss McIntosh, the Matron, who was willing to act if elected. The nomination was then approved *nem con*.

New Members of Executive.

The election of Miss Irvin (Home Sister, St. Bartholomew's Hospital), Miss Thompson (Sister Surgery), Miss Campbell (Matron, Parkwood, Swanley), and Miss Ransome (Staff Nurse, St. Bartholomew's Hospital) as members of the Executive Committee was then moved from the chair and carried, as was a motion thanking the retiring members, Lady Baddeley, Miss Kennedy, Miss Maw and Miss Riddell, for their services.

The Octo-centenary Appeal.

Mrs. Hayward then presented the Report of the Secretary of the Sub-Committee for the Octo-centenary Appeal and said that after unparalleled work she was voicing the feeling of the members of the Committee in saying they felt proud and satisfied and happy to take part in the Celebration. The Committee got to work early in the year. It held five meetings and sent out 1,250 circulars, with the result that by May it had £710. It then sent out 300 post cards, with the result that in a short time more than the £1,000 aimed at was received; the amount now stood at £1,162 13s. 6d., received in sums varying from £100 to 6d., the gift of a little child.

Mrs. Hayward expressed the thanks of the Committee to those who, in various ways, had forwarded its work, and the President said that the League could not be too grateful to the Sub-Committee for the time, trouble and money they had spent on bringing the Appeal to such a successful issue.

It was decided to present a cheque for £1,000 to the Treasurer of the Hospital, and it was left to the Executive to consider and report on suggestions as to the disposal of the balance at the next meeting of the League.

The meeting then terminated and the members adjourned to the Great Hall.

THE NURSES' "AT HOME" TO THE DELEGATES.

The last of the Octo-centenary Celebrations was the "At Home" given by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. The guests were received by the President, Miss Helen Todd, S.R.N., and the Matron of the Hospital, Miss McIntosh, C.B.E., R.R.C. The grand old Hall requires no decorations for the beautiful panelling and the portraits of King Kenry VIII and King Edward VII, and those of many famous men, adorn its walls, and great was the pleasure of many medical men and nurses who re-visited.

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