

be sent out two months before the Summer Meeting, returned to the Hon. Secretary, and the result declared at the Summer Meeting."

THE NURSES' LEAGUE BED.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss proposals drawn up by the Executive Committee as to: (a) Selection of Ward for the bed endowed in commemoration of the Octo-Centenary; (b) the wording of the inscription on the tablet; (c) the disposal of the surplus money. The Executive recommended that the ward selected should be either "Annie Zunz" or "Elizabeth," and an animated discussion ensued. Miss Musson said that "Annie Zunz" did not quite convey "Faith" to the older members. Mrs. Turnbull related that an amusing reason given by Miss Le Geyt in the Executive for selecting "Elizabeth" was that we should always have maternity with us, but diseases would in time disappear.

Other wards mentioned by members in the meeting were Rahere, President, Martha, and Mary.

Miss Curtis said that considering the structural alterations in Elizabeth to convert it into a Maternity Ward, it was not likely that a change would be made soon.

Miss Musson remarked if the idea was that a member of the League might occupy the bed at times, that ruled out Elizabeth, as a bed there would not often be wanted by a member.

The President said that two members of the League had already been patients in Elizabeth.

On being put to the vote, Elizabeth Ward was selected.

The President then presented the next question—the form the Commemorative Tablet should take. The Executive had ruled out brass. She handed round for inspection a beautiful tablet in alabaster, bearing the figure of a saint, and a Regimental Badge. The figure could be changed to St. Elizabeth, and the badge to the Arms of the Hospital. The cost would be £20. Other designs were handed round, but the alabaster tablet commanded general approval, and was unanimously decided upon.

It was pointed out that "Elizabeth" was not named after Saint Elizabeth, but after the Queen of that name, and eventually it was decided that the figure on the tablet should be that of Rahere.

The disposal of the surplus was next considered, and it was decided to ask the Governors to create a trust whereby this surplus should be invested, and the interest each year paid to the Sister of the Ward for the time being so that she might have money with which to help any patient occupying the Nurses' League Bed who might require assistance.

The surplus, after handing the Treasurer £1,000 for the endowment of a bed, now amounts to £203, and Mrs. de Segundo here stated that 600 of the members of the League had subscribed to the bed, and that if the other 400 would each give 1s. that would provide the money required for the tablet and leave the whole of the present surplus for investment.

WORDING OF THE INSCRIPTION.

The Executive had drafted an inscription, which was keenly discussed.

It was ultimately decided that the inscription should be as follows:—

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOSPITAL BY
RAHERE
THIS BED IS ENDOWED
BY
THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
HOSPITAL NURSES.
(FOUNDER: ISLA STEWART).

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Miss Baines announced that the League was entitled to two additional Delegates on the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses. The Executive suggested the names of Miss Le Geyt and Miss E. Brinton (a staff nurse in pink) who were unanimously elected.

The Chairman reported that the Executive had sent, in the name of the League, a donation of £3 3s. to Miss Muriel Payne, a League member who was Hon. Secretary to the International School of Nursing and Child Welfare in Russia, who had done such good work for famine relief there, and who would be very pleased to receive other donations.

That concluded the business of the meeting, and the members adjourned to the Great Hall, a large gathering of members and guests being present. Charming music was supplied by Miss Holland, Organist of the Hospital Church of St. Bartholomew's-the-Less, and members of the Nursing Staff, while congenial parties gathered round little tables, and Miss Reimann, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, and members of the League—which through the National Council of Nurses is affiliated to the International Council—held friendly converse while Henry VIII smiled genially down upon those assembled.

Afterwards many of the members visited the Queen Mary's Nurses' Home, which is now occupied. Nurses trained years ago were envious of the single rooms, permitting privacy, and comfortably furnished, the furniture including a writing-table, where personal or other letters can be written, or lectures written up. A picture-rail and small shelf permit of individuality in these rooms, by their adornment with favourite pictures and books. The great drawback seems that there is neither a fireplace in any of the rooms nor any arrangement for warming them through central heating. The large porcelain baths and the arrangements for shampooing and drying the hair are delightful, and the provision for making tea at any hour of the day is a very popular one. An opening has recently been made into the staff nurses' sitting-room, which is now connected with Queen Mary's Home.

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