

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught took the Chair at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 25th, and there was a good attendance of the Members. The Annual Report recapitulated, to a great extent, the activities of the Association throughout the year, and, as these have already been fully reported to the Members, as they occurred, in our official organ, we need not refer to them again.

The accounts for the year showed an excess of income over expenditure of £43 18s. 7d., but it was pointed out that the sum of £231 18s. 4d., received during 1923 for the Memorial Fund, had necessarily been placed in the balance sheet without passing through the income and expenditure accounts, and another £100 of the money given by the landlord for repairs when we took the lease of 194, Queen's Gate, had been used, so that the sum indicated for expenditure on this item, £66 1s. 4d., did not represent the full amount actually spent. The expenses connected with the Club had been much the same as in previous years.

The Hon. Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the negligence of many Members in paying up the very small Annual Subscription due from them was proving to be a matter of very serious importance in connection with balancing the year's accounts. There are many who, in spite of reminders, allow these arrears to mount up until By-law VIII comes into operation and they have to choose between paying up arrears and losing their Membership. It is obvious that it would be impossible to carry on any Association if all Members adopted this course, and the Treasurer appealed very strongly to the Members to be more businesslike in forwarding the very small subscription which is required of them. By far the greater number of our nurses have become Life Members, and for this reason it is all the more important that the annual Members should meet their liability when it falls due on January 1st of each year.

The expenditure of the Settlement Fund had been £225 7s. 1d. in excess of its income, but this was accounted for by the fact that most of the cost of the recent extensive improvements and repairs at the Home had fallen into the 1923 accounts. The Helena Benevolent Fund's expenditure had been £8 16s. 3d. in excess of the income received.

The result of the Ballot for the new Members of the Council, to replace those retiring under By-law XVII, was as follows:—James Wallace Anderson, Esq., M.D., J. H. Openshaw, C.B., C.M.G., S. Henning Belfrage, Esq., M.D., Inspector-General H. Woods, R.N., C.V.O., J. Hastings Glover, Esq., M.D., C. Courtenay Lord, Esq., M.D., J. Outterson Wood, Esq., M.D., John Kelly, Esq., M.D., Louis Vintras, Esq., M.D., B.Sc., Edward Domville, Esq. M.R.C.S.

Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses:—Miss Marshall, Miss Montgomery Wilson, R.R.C., Miss Bryson, Miss Bur-

leigh, Miss C. A. Little, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Vergette, Miss Hurlston, Miss Payne.

Sisters and Nurses:—Miss L. Bennett, R.R.C., Mrs. Brameld, Mrs. Earp, Miss Rice, Miss E. Collins, Miss du Sautoy, Miss F. Wise, Sister Mary of Victories, Miss le Geyt, Mrs. Stewart Murray.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness for her kindness in presiding at this first Annual Meeting since her appointment as President.

The Members then adjourned for tea, and round the table old friendships were renewed, and there were the old happy greetings among those who look forward to our Annual Meeting as not merely a business gathering, but as a rallying-ground for old comrades of hospital days.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

We have just received the half-yearly Reports for the Australian Branch. The Committee commences its Report by expressing the gratification of the South Australian Members on hearing that H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught had been elected President. A cable was sent to Dr. E. W. Morris, of Australia House, requesting him to convey a message of appreciation to Her Royal Highness from the Members of the Branch, and Her Royal Highness had been graciously pleased to cable a message of thanks.

The private staff had been fairly busy throughout the year. The Chairman of the Association in South Australia had been elected as representative of the British Nurses' Association on the Nurses' Registration Board. Nurses Creasy, Tilbrook, Bachhurst and Sweeny had been married during the year. The financial position of the Branch Association is satisfactory.

## MIDSUMMER WEEK.

The last days of June have been somewhat festive and befitted the season. First came our own Annual Meeting with its subsequent social gathering, and then we went on to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and wandered through the magnificent grounds, admiring their loveliness and enjoying to the full the cool greens of the wide lawns on this day in the height of the summer. The King and Queen and Members of the Royal Family moved among the guests chatting with one and the other. The Queen looked particularly beautiful in an exquisite gown of pale mauve and a large hat with feathers of the same shade. Our own President was present in the gown of biscuit-coloured chiffon and lace and the small cerise hat which she wore at the meeting earlier in the afternoon.

On June 27th Mr. Ramsay MacDonald gave his Garden Party, in honour of Overseas Visitors, at Hampton Court, a truly historic function in its own way this, when the first Labour Premier of England, in the glorious gardens of the most splendid of our Royal Palaces, welcomed representatives from all parts of her far-flung Dominions. Where

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