

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., on Saturday, December 12th, the President, Miss Annie McIntosh, R.R.C., C.B.E., in the chair.

#### Respectful Sympathy with His Majesty the King.

Before the commencement of the Meeting the President said that a special meeting of the Executive Committee had been called on the death of Queen Alexandra, and a Resolution of respectful sympathy with the King in his bereavement passed and sent to His Majesty, of which an acknowledgment had been received from the Lord Chamberlain.

#### NEW OFFICERS.

Arising out of the Minutes, the President announced that Mrs. Hayward had consented to become the Hon. Secretary of the Benevolent Fund in place of Mrs. Matthews, who had resigned the position on account of her leaving London, and that the vacancy for a Vice-President occasioned by her own election as President had been offered to and accepted by Miss S. A. Villiers.

Mr. Gabb, House-Surgeon to Mr. Langton in 1878, had given an interesting series of lectures in the autumn, which had been fairly well attended.

The President reminded the members that nominations for the Executive Committee, to be elected in July, should be sent to the Secretary by January 31st next.

#### TERMS OF THE ANONYMOUS LEGACY.

In connection with the legacy which had been offered to the League to administer as a Benevolent Fund for Trained Nurses under certain conditions, the lawyer who had been consulted saw no reason why a Trust should not be formed, subject to these conditions.

Miss Breay inquired what qualifications the recipients would be required to hold. Must they be State Registered Nurses, as that was now the legal qualification, and by the time the legacy fell due probably all trained nurses would be Registered Nurses?

In reply to a further inquiry, Mrs. Matthews stated that it was anticipated that the interest from the legacy when it materialised would be from £40 to £50 a year. It had been accepted with the proviso that the League would have the right to withdraw when it fell due, if the Executive considered this desirable.

#### HELEN TODD MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Andrews then presented the Report of the Secretary of the Helen Todd Memorial Sub-Committee, in place of Miss Simms, to whose work in this connection she paid an eloquent tribute.

The question the Committee had to consider was whether or not the bookcase should be the most important part of the Memorial. This was decided in the affirmative, and a bookcase chosen, supplied by Bartholomew & Fletcher, whose work Helen Todd had admired. A small plaque had been let into the projecting ledge bearing the Bart.'s Badge, and the words, "Helen Todd, a Governor of the Hospital and President of the League." A small book, bound in brown pigskin, with an enlarged inscription, in which the names of the subscribers were inscribed, would stand inside the bookcase.

It was specially appropriate that the Memorial to Helen Todd should be placed in the Library, for which £2,800 had been contributed and ear-marked by the League in memory of its Founder, and the younger members should realise, when the Library was built, the appropriateness of placing the Helen Todd Memorial within the precincts of

that to so distinguished a pupil of a Sister Training School as Isla Stewart.

When all expenses connected with the bookcase had been defrayed, there would be £34 odd to spend on books.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The President stated that the Executive Committee had considered a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses, in connection with a voluntary contribution from that Council—to which the Barts. League was affiliated—to the support of the International Council of Nurses until January, 1926. The League had now about 1,100 members and the Executive had decided to send a donation of £2 10s., which was on the basis of 3d. *per capita*. A second letter which National Council would send, relative to the annual support of the Council, would be considered later. The International Council of Nurses was a wonderful organisation.

Miss Musson said that it was right that so large and important a body as the International Council of Nurses should maintain its own office, and one had now been established in Geneva. A debt of gratitude was due to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick who had, for so many years, provided gratuitous Office room, but we now had to foot the bill ourselves. As the Treasurer of the I.C.N. the question of finance worried her considerably. She hoped some of her Bart.'s friends would help her over the flood. She would be delighted to receive donations.

#### LANTERN LECTURE.

Miss Le Geyt then gave a most interesting lecture, illustrated by Lantern Slides, entitled "With a party of British Delegates to Helsingfors," which we regret lack of space prevents us from publishing. No doubt it will appear in the League Journal. At its conclusion those present adjourned to the Great Hall where tea was served.

Many of those present paused on the way to inspect the Helen Todd Memorial bookcase, and much satisfaction and admiration was expressed as to the way in which the work had been carried out.

### LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Autumn General Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, was held at Leicester Royal Infirmary, on Friday, November 13th. The President, Miss Vincent, R.N.C., in the chair.

Miss Vincent was elected Editor of the *League Journal* in place of Miss Rogers, who wished to resign. A resolution thanking Miss Rogers for all the work she had accomplished as Editor was passed with acclamation, as was also a message of sympathy in the severe illness of her sister, which had prevented her presence at the meeting.

After the business was concluded, a large audience of nurses was admitted to hear Miss Liddiard, Matron of Cromwell House, Highgate, give a very interesting account of Truby King methods, and of the work carried out at Cromwell House. Miss Liddiard is a fascinating speaker, and enchaind her audience's attention, illustrating her address with graphic descriptions of the various charts she had brought with her.

Miss Liddiard, in the absence of Miss Rogers, also presented Medals and Prizes to successful members of the Training School. Mr. Astley Clarke, Senior Honorary Physician and Examiner, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Liddiard, saying how interesting he had found her address; also that the Examiners found a marked improvement each year in the Nurses' Examination papers. Miss Pell Smith seconded in her usual humorous manner, and the vote was carried with enthusiasm.

The League then entertained its guests to a very appetising

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