

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

H.R.H. The Princess Arthur was graciously pleased to preside at the Annual Meeting of the Association which was held at 194, Queen's Gate on Thursday, June 24th. Her Royal Highness was received on her arrival by the Hon. Officers (Miss Alice Cattell and Mr. H. J. Paterson), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isabel Macdonald (Secretary), and others, and was presented with a lovely bouquet of pink and mauve carnations, tied with silver ribbon, by Miss Cattell.

A resolution was put from the Chair to give expression to the respect which the Members present felt for a Colleague who recently passed away—Miss Maude MacCallum—and to convey a message of sympathy to Mr. John MacCallum. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was requested to say a few words to the Members, as she knew more intimately than anyone present, what Miss MacCallum's work for the Profession had been. Mrs. Fenwick referred to the death of Maude MacCallum as a great tragedy, and said how she had devoted the latter years of her life to the benefit of her fellow nurses, to helping them to attain professional freedom and to all her generous work for it while suffering from a malignant disease; also to the courage with which she laboured on and would not permit her friends to be harassed by the knowledge of her suffering until she was practically on the point of death. She had, said Mrs. Fenwick, given to us all a great and splendid lesson; not only by the work she had accomplished, but by the extreme courage which sustained her through a long and terrible illness—a courage that had never failed. The Resolution of sympathy was carried by a silent upstanding vote.

The Report of the Executive Committee dealt with the activities of the Association during 1925, most of which have been fully reported, as they occurred, in our official organ. We need not therefore absorb valuable space by recapitulation. Mrs. Lambert, in seconding the Report, said that it gave evidence of much work on the part of the Executive Committee. On behalf of the Members, she offered warm thanks to the Committee.

The Financial Reports showed that, on the General Fund, there was an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £21 16s. 4d. In the accounts of the Settlement Fund, also, there was cause for satisfaction as the income had exceeded the expenditure, but the Helena Benevolent Fund had expended some £14 more than it had received. The Hon. Treasurer referred to the great assistance which the House Beautiful Fund had given in redecorating the Club and in supplying it with new chintzes, flowers, &c. In seconding the adoption of the Report, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said that it was satisfactory to note that the Association was solvent, but, what pleased her more than that, was the note struck in every one of the accounts before the Meeting, the evidence in each one of them that the Members rose to the needs of their Association and contributed themselves what was required to maintain it and to enable it to carry on its work. She admired them for their spirit

of independence, and thanked them for their generosity to their Association.

The Result of the Ballot was announced, and the following declared Members of the General Council for the ensuing three years. The lists are arranged according to the place given by votes in the ballot:—

*Medical Men.*—Dr. A. P. Beddard, Dr. D. Macintyre, Dr. W. E. M. Armstrong, Mr. R. H. Jocelyn Swan, Mr. Leslie Paton, Dr. Andrew Currie, Dr. Eric Pritchard, Sir Alfred Rice-Oxley, Dr. F. Caiger, Sir F. Stanley Hewett.

*Matrons.*—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Breay, Miss Carson Rae, Miss A. S. Gray, Miss M. Huxley, Miss G. Lord, Miss M. Drakard, Miss H. Lamb, Miss M. Hirst, Miss G. Neighbour.

*Sisters and Nurses.*—Miss C. Liddiatt, Miss M. D. Cox, Miss R. Silcock, Miss E. Barrie, Miss F. Dunne, Miss M. Biglands, Miss M. E. Howard, Miss B. Treasure, Miss E. Winterbourne, Miss E. Swaby-Smith.

Miss Beatrice Kent in thanking the Hon. Officers for their work said that they sacrificed a great deal of time, and gave to the Association invaluable service.

Mr. Paterson thanked H.R.H. the President for her presence at the Meeting and for her interest in the Association.

After the Meeting tea was served and many admiring comments were passed on the newly painted drawing-room and its great wealth of lovely flowers.

## A MESSAGE OF HEARTFELT THANKS.

We have received the following kind acknowledgment from the Princess Helena Victoria of the flowers sent to her on the anniversary of the death of our late beloved President, H.R.H. the Princess Christian:—

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—I was very much touched by the kind gift of flowers from yourself and the nurses which I received yesterday, the anniversary of my dear Mother's death.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for having thought of me on that day.

Believe me,  
Yours sincerely,  
HELENA VICTORIA.

78, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

## "ENTER MRS. BORRIDGE."

"And what an entrance was there!" She was a strange guest in the House Beautiful.

It happened in this wise. Despite hindrances of transport and the fact that the gentlemen players were "on the buses and tubes," during the General Strike when they should have been rehearsing, the Royal British Nurses' Association gave, on June 7th, an excellent performance of St. John Hankin's play, "Enter Mrs. Borrige." To say that Mr. Douglas Phair and Mr. Cyril Pearson were responsible respectively for the production and management

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