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MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The first Meeting of the newly-constituted General Council of the Corporation was held on July 19th at 5 p.m.

The Financial Reports from the Executive Committee dealt with the finance of the months of April and May only, owing to the retirement of the Executive Committee after the ballot for the new Council, the result of which was announced at the Annual Meeting held in June. The Accounts of the General Fund showed that the expenditure exceeded the income, during these two months, by the sum of £81 os. 2d. This, however, was largely due to the fact that the Borough Rate was paid six months in advance, and the rather heavy accounts for gas and electric light, for the first quarter in the year, had not been received until late in April. From the Helena Benevolent Fund there had been spent, on grants and audit fees, £5 more than the income received during the two months referred to, while in the Settlement Fund there was an excess of expenditure over income of £6 owing to the extensive redecoration just commenced at the Home.

The Executive Committee's Report dealt largely with events already reported in the JOURNAL, as they occurred, with the latest reports from the Australian Branch and with the new uniform for Nurses on the Co-operation.

The following were elected to hold office as Hon. Officers during the coming year:—Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Helen Pearse; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Kenneth Stewart; Medical Hon. Secretary, Mr. Paterson. Two offices remain to be filled at a subsequent Meeting of the Council.

The following new Members of the General Council were added to the Executive Committee, subject to their consenting to act:—

Medical Men:—Dr. Beddard, Dr. Currie, Mr. Leslie Paton, Sir Alfred Rice Oxley, Mr. Jocelyn Swan.

Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses:—Miss Breay, Miss Carson Rae, Miss Lord.

Sisters and Nurses:—Miss Cox, Miss Dunne, Miss Liddiatt, Miss Treasure.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Members of the Council retiring under Bye-law XVII.

THE SUMMER RECESS.

The meetings for the year and the various fixtures at the Club have now terminated until October. No doubt the new Council will meet with fresh zest after the holidays, ready for the large amount of work which will fall to it and to its Committees before another election is due. One feature of the new Council is the unusually large proportion of young Members who obtained seats at the last election, so that they have great power and great responsibility in controlling the future destinies of their Association and equally great responsibility in using the Association and its Charter to promote the development of their Profession. Speaking from the Chair, at the recent Meeting of the

Executive Committee, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick impressed upon the Nurses the advisability of making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the Bye-Laws of the Association, so that they can do their Committee work with the knowledge and intelligence demanded by the responsibility they have undertaken. Copies of the Royal Charter and the Bye-Laws can always be obtained at the Headquarters of the Association, post free, on payment of one shilling. We have intimated this fact from time to time and we would like to find more Members applying for copies in order to study the Constitution of their Organisation.

THE BAZAAR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

R.B.N.A. ACQUISITORS AT THE CENTRAL HALL.

Groups of R.B.N.A. Acquisitors fell easy victims to the temptations of the Antique Stall at the Bazaar for the International Council. It was an exciting moment when Her Royal Highness the President graciously intimated that she wished to purchase a piece of china for the collection which we are making for the Association. "Would you like this?" said the Princess, touching just the piece we had coveted most. "We should just love it," and the large tureen of fine Rogers' Ware is now the centre piece on the top of one of the collection cabinets. Before the Sale, some Members of the Association made a collection and secured the lovely blue and white teapot of Oriental Canton porcelain sent by the Queen; we are very pleased to have this, and will bequeath it to later generations of R.B.N.A. Members along with the fine portrait signed by Her Majesty, which we received by the Queen's gracious commands some years ago. The following contributed to buy the teapot:—Mrs. Strong, Misses Bevan, Butcher, Evans, Fisher, and Lindsay.

With a cheque received from the Q.A.I.M.N.S. we bought a very rare and beautiful Spode jug, one of the most exquisite things in our collection.

One grows reckless before a collection of old china, and we purchased two most lovely perforated Spode baskets, and dishes to match, and four very fine asparagus holders. For once extravagance was justified. There came to us almost immediately afterwards a telegram from Miss Liddiatt asking us to spend up to a certain sum on something for the collection, and her name has been entered as the donor of two of the asparagus holders. Miss Eden, Miss Kennedy and Miss Mellenfield are among the donors of the Spode baskets, and no doubt others will help us to meet the remainder of the sum required to pay for them, as they are exceedingly rare and beautiful.

Miss Cattell added to the Collection two rare Wedgwood plates, and from Mr. Donaldson we received beautiful old Leeds plates "in exchange for Miss Perkins," a remark which is giving rise to some amount of argument on the part of his fiancée, we hear, as she wants to know whether she "isn't worth more than two old soup plates?" Miss Biglands bought for the collection a lovely Spode sweet dish, Mrs. Northwood a rare piece of Staffordshire and Miss

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