

NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Anatomical Theatre at the Hospital on Saturday, July 9th.

The Chair was taken by Florence, Lady Baddeley, Vice-President.

The Correspondence included a letter from Miss McIntosh, late Matron of the Hospital, resigning her position of President of the League. The proposal of the Executive that she should be appointed an Hon. Life Member of the League was withdrawn, it being pointed out by the Chairman of the Meeting that it was based on a misapprehension. There is no provision in the Constitution for such an appointment, and Miss McIntosh has already been elected, and remains, a member of the League.

The Report of the Treasurer (Mrs. P. Ross) showed a very satisfactory balance.

formation of a Nurses' Library, to be added to annually by the purchase of books with part of the interest from the Fund, and that the Isla Stewart Oration should again be occasionally delivered.

All the Reports were approved. A discussion then took place on the proposal that the League should start a Country Club. A letter was read from Mrs. Walter Spencer, suggesting that the question should be referred to a Sub-Committee before any action was taken. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Le Geyt, Miss Cutler, Miss Helen Pearse, Miss Waind, Miss M. Breay, Mrs. Hambleton and others took part in the discussion, and it was ultimately resolved on the proposition of Mrs. Fenwick that a representative Sub-Committee composed of outside members and of Sisters and Nurses in the Hospital should be appointed by the Executive, to gather evidence as to the advisability of the scheme, and to report to the next meeting of the League.

THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The next business was to receive a Report from the Scrutineers of Voting Papers as to the Election of President.

Three names had been voted upon, and the Scrutineers reported the election of Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., S.R.N., D.N., an announcement which was received with great applause.

Lady Baddeley, in the name of the League, congratulated Miss Dey on her election, and wished her all happiness and success.

Miss Dey expressed her appreciation of the honour conferred upon her, and said that during the short four months she had spent in the Hospital as Matron, the League had stood for loyalty

and esprit de corps which had been most evident. She thanked the members very much for electing her to the office of President. She then assumed the Presidential Chair, when prolonged applause was again accorded her, and a lovely bouquet of pink carnations was presented to her.

The election of four members of the Executive Committee, in place of the retiring members—Miss Lowe, Miss A. Robertson, Miss Simms, and Miss Vergette—was then announced by the Scrutineers. The newly elected members were Miss M. S. Riddell, Miss E. Marcon, Miss F. E. Cole, and Miss G. R. Hale.

Under "Other Business" the President reminded the League that the Interim Conference convened by the International Council of Nurses would meet in Geneva on July 27th and the following days, and she was sure the League would desire to wish it success. Five Sisters from St. Bartholomew's were attending, as well as other members of the League.

In reply to a question from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick as to the £2,000 subscribed by the League, earmarked for the



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The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. T. Baines, reported that 66 new members had joined the League during the year, and there had been five deaths, the total membership was now 1,215.

Mrs. Todd, mother of the late Miss Helen Todd, had sent a donation of £5 for the Library which was much appreciated.

In the absence of the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund Miss Baines also presented the Report of this Fund. Twenty pounds had been cabled out to a member abroad to meet Nursing Home expenses, and the balance stood at £238.

The Isla Stewart Memorial Committee reported with deep regret the resignation of Mrs. Shuter as Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund, and the appointment of Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, R.R.C., to this position.

Also the establishment of a permanent and visible Memorial to Miss Stewart by the purchase of a fine antique bookcase, to be placed in the Study of the British College of Nurses, with a Tablet suitably inscribed, and that medical and nursing books would be purchased to begin the

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