

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses held on June 1st, will be memorable for two reasons, it was held for the first time in the new Lecture Hall in the Nurses' Home and it was the occasion of the unveiling of the Plaque of the late Miss Isla Stewart, the well beloved Matron and Superintendent of Nursing who held office from 1887-1910, in the Isla Stewart Memorial Library.

THE LEAGUE MEETING.

The President, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., S.R.N. was in the chair at the meeting, when a letter was read from the Queen's Private Secretary in acknowledgement of the letter of sympathy sent to Her Majesty, during the illness of the King, from the winter meeting of the League.

Also letters from Dr. Matthews expressing his deep appreciation of the evidence of the esteem in which his wife was held by her colleagues of the League, and from Miss Janet Stewart, expressing her deep regret at her inability to be present at the unveiling of the Memorial to her dear sister.

Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith was elected a Vice-President in the place of Miss Villiers whose term of office had expired and of whose unfailing regularity in attending sub-committees the President spoke with appreciation.

The report presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Hadfield, showed a substantial balance in hand, and the Hon. Secretary, Miss H. T. Baines, gave the present membership of the League as 1,213, and mentioned that the "Book of Remembrance" in which the names of departed members of the League were inscribed had been placed in the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Less within the hospital gates.

Mrs. Hayward presented the report of the Benevolent Fund which showed that six gifts amounting to £95 had been made. This left £50 in the hands of the Treasurer, and the invested funds amounted to £246 16s. 1d. Since the accounts had been passed another grant of £15 had been made.

The Report from the Scrutineers of Voting Papers as to the Election of four members to the Executive Committee showed that Miss G. M. Simms, Miss M. S. Rundle, Miss C. Longley and Miss M. F. Hodges (Sister Radcliffe) had been elected in place of Miss Bartle, Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith, Miss MacCormac and Miss H. M. Smith, the retiring members.

THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

Miss G. R. Hale, Hon. Secretary Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Committee, reported that during the year £50 had been invested in 5 per cent. War Loan bringing the invested capital up to £688 17s. and that there was a balance at the bank of £20 17s. 4d, making a total of £709 14s. 4d.

The following Resolution, agreed by the Members of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Committee, was then reported by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and moved by her for adoption.

RESOLUTION.

"That the Committee which has for seventeen years collected money for a Memorial to the late Miss Isla Stewart, and has duly administered, or invested, the Funds so collected, having now £700 so invested, as the proceeds of their work, is willing to transfer the said investments

to the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, by means of a Trust Fund, on the following conditions, and for the following purposes, viz. :—

I. That the Fund shall be known and separately administered as "The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund."

II. That the Interest only, which is derived from the Investments of the Fund shall be expended, and that the Capital of the Fund shall be preserved intact.

III. That the accounts of the Fund shall be audited each year, and be reported to the General Meeting of the above League, and be entered on the minutes of the said Meeting.

IV. That the said Interest may be expended by the Executive Committee of the League, either for the purchase of suitable Books for the Isla Stewart Memorial Library, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, or for Grants to Members of the League for an educational purpose."

"It is hereby resolved by this Meeting that the above offer be, and hereby is, accepted by the League, and authority

is hereby given to the Executive Committee to take the necessary steps to carry the same into effect."

The Resolution was seconded by Mrs. Victor Bonney and carried by a large majority.



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THIS LIBRARY IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
ISLA STEWART.

Matron and Superintendent of Nursing,
St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1887-1910.
Founder of the League of St Bartholomew's
Hospital Nurses, 1899.

DEDICATION OF THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL.

The Dedication of the Isla Stewart Memorial took place in the Memorial Library which forms part of the new Nurses' Home at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and by a happy circumstance is built on the site on which the Matron's House formerly stood.

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