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ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The following telegrams have been received from H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, the President, in reply to a telegram sent from the Executive Committee conveying their good wishes on her birthday, and in acknowledgment of flowers sent from the Association.

Mrs. Fenwick,

194, Queen's Gate.

Please convey to Executive Committee my most grateful thanks for their good wishes.—ALEXANDRA.

Miss Macdonald,

194, Queen's Gate.

Please convey to Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association my most grateful thanks for lovely flowers.—ALEXANDRA.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association was held at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1929, and there was a large attendance of the Members. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the chair.

The Report of the Executive Committee was a very long one, but we need not absorb space by recapitulating its details as full accounts of the most important activities of the Executive Committee have appeared in the Official Organ of the Association as they occurred.

The Financial Report showed that, on the General Fund, there has been an excess of expenditure over income of £31 19s. 10d.; this was principally due to expenditure connected with the purchase of 194, Queen's Gate. The cost of the leasehold property of 194, Queen's Gate was not included in the ordinary Statement of Income and Expenditure but was shown in the Balance Sheet. As stated by the Hon. Treasurer, a loan amounting to £1,800 was taken from our Bankers in order to complete the sum required for the purchase, and an undertaking has been given that £300 of this amount shall be repaid annually. It was also stated that, when the purchase was made, the ground lease had forty-four years to run and it is to be recognised that, at the close of that period, a claim for dilapidations will probably be made. It has therefore been considered advisable by the Executive Committee, that the total cost of the purchase should be written off over a period of forty years; this will allow that any surplus funds, arising in the last four years of the ground lease, can be laid aside to meet any demands for dilapidations which may arise when the ground lease terminates. It has been decided that our annual income shall be debited with £121 up to and inclusive of the year 1968; by such arrangement, as the length of the ground lease decreases, we guard

against any consequent reduction in the total value of our assets, as they stood in our Balance Sheet, at the time when the purchase of 194, Queen's Gate was made.

The Helena Benevolent and Settlement Funds also show an excess of expenditure over income of £38 13s. 4d. and £8 8s. 3d. respectively. This is partly due to the fact that we concentrated chiefly on promoting the Purchase Fund which was inaugurated to assist in raising the amount required for the purchase of our Headquarters; also, in the case of the Settlement Fund, we had fairly extensive repairs on our freehold property. The claims on the Helena Benevolent Fund were very numerous in 1928 and no request for help was declined.

Concluding this Report the Honorary Treasurer thanked the Members for all their generosity and expressed appreciation of the independent spirit dominating the Association of which the Statement of Accounts bore ample evidence. In particular, an acknowledgment was made of the enthusiasm and generosity with which the Members had come forward to help in raising the amount available for the purchase of their Headquarters.

The result of the Postal Ballot was announced, and the following were elected Members of the General Council to fill vacancies caused by retirements under Bye-law XVII:—

Medical Men.—Guy D. Barton, Esq., M.D., Lennard Cutler, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Richard Lake, Esq., F.R.C.S., John Macewen, Esq., M.B., C.M., John Murray, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S., Louis C. Parkes, Esq., M.D., D.P.H., H. Sainsbury, Esq., M.D., Walter G. Spencer, Esq., F.R.C.S., James Turner, Esq., M.B., Leonard Williams, Esq., M.D.

Matrons.—Mrs. Maud Andrews, S.R.N., Miss E. C. Bramwell, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., Miss Emily Brodie, S.R.N., Miss Mary Little, S.R.N., Miss Elizabeth L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., Lady Elizabeth Mitchell, Miss Elinor Pell Smith, S.R.N., Miss Kathleen Smith, R.R.C., S.R.N., Miss P. F. Watt, R.R.C., S.R.N., Miss Dorothea Webb, S.R.N.

Sisters and Nurses.—Miss Daphne L. Bishop, Miss Ruth Caesar, S.R.N., Miss Maria Chitson, S.R.N., Miss Edith Cox-Sinclair, Miss Florence Cross, S.R.N., Miss Jessie H. Downie, R.G.N., Miss Jessie Dyce, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, S.R.N., Miss Flora Macdonald, R.R.C., S.R.N., Miss Mary L. Muriel, S.R.N.

On the motion of the Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Pittman and Aris were elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

The Meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers, proposed by Miss Lord and seconded by Miss Hurlston. After the business part of the Meeting was over, tea was served in the drawing room of the Club.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE FOR PRIVATE NURSES

On Wednesday, June 12th, 1929, a Round Table Conference was held at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, to discuss the suggestion to form a League of Private Nurses.

Miss Macdonald, on whose initiative the Conference had

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