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INVITATION.

The General Council of the Association will be "At Home" to Members of the Association on Saturday, July 18th, from 4 to 6 p.m. We hope that many will be able to be present and the Council request that this notice be taken as an invitation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association took place at 194, Queen's Gate on June 23rd. Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., Vice-Chairman, presided. The Executive Committee presented a long Report of the various events connected with its work throughout the year, but as full information regarding most of those has appeared in the official organ from month to month, we need not take up space with recapitulation. It is sufficient to say that the report gives evidence of activities in many directions.

Many social fixtures have taken place in the Club, lectures were reported as having been given, and reference was made to that very successful piece of international work—the visit of a large number of Dutch Nurses. Other parts of the Report had bearing on matters of professional policy to which reference has been made, as they occurred, in previous reports to our Members.

It was indicated also that our Headquarters had proved useful to other organisations besides our own. Rooms had been lent to several of these and also let for short intervals, on various dates, to lay organisations.

The report referred with sympathy to the great loss which the branch Association in Australia had sustained through the deaths of Miss Mullaney and Miss Penrose. Miss Mullaney was Secretary of the Branch until the time of her death and Miss Penrose preceded her in this office. Both had given evidence of administrative ability and of the fact that they took a real personal interest in the advancement of the profession. References expressing regret were made to the deaths of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, K.P., and of Major Sir Richard Barnett, to both of whom the Nursing Profession owes much for help given to us in our efforts to attain legal status for the profession.

The Report stated that Miss Gertrude Blacklock, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., had been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Corporation. In making this appointment the Committee had taken into consideration the experience which Miss Blacklock had gained in relation to political work and organisation, at a time when she gave a great deal of voluntary assistance in the matter of promoting the passage of the Registration Acts.

In closing the Report, the Honorary Officers desired to state that it would not be complete without an appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Corporation by Miss Isabel Macdonald and her loyal helpers in the administrative department. Miss Macdonald had devoted her life to the work of the Association, and the Committee wished to take the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of

this and of thanking her for her work, not only for the Association but for the Profession in general.

The Report of the Executive Committee was seconded by Miss Jessie Holmes, who expressed the pleasure it gave to the Members to receive a Report which indicated so much progress and activity during the year. She felt she was endorsing the feeling of everyone present when she wished the Association all prosperity in the future.

Mrs. Lambert in a short speech said that she had found the Report exceedingly interesting and considered that the Committee were to be congratulated upon it.

The Report of the Honorary Treasurer was satisfactory, showing an excess of income over expenditure of £229 os. 5d. It was pointed out that we were steadily paying off the loan taken from the Bankers, when we purchased 194, Queen's Gate. When the last Report was presented to the General Meeting the loan stood at £1,300; it had now been reduced to £600. (In addition to this a loan of £160 had been made by one of the Benevolent Funds, and upon this interest was being paid.) A special effort was being made to clear off the bank loan by the close of 1931. The repairs at the Settlement Home had been heavy, owing to the fact that it had been necessary to rebuild entirely a long party garden wall.

The Helena Benevolent Fund had met many claims upon it from sick and aged nurses, and it had been fortunate in receiving a further sum of £170 17s. 1d., under the will of the late Miss Annie Armstrong, M.R.B.N.A. Mrs. John Temple had generously handed over to it, from the Temple Endowment Fund £100 of 5 per cent. War Stock, and the late Miss A. Carson Rae, M.R.B.N.A., Nurse Hon. Secretary at the time of her death, had left the Fund a legacy of £50. In closing the Report the Treasurer thanked the Members for all their generosity. Organisation was very expensive and, as Treasurer, he hoped the Members would continue to strengthen the financial position of the Association as far as possible. The Financial Report was seconded by Miss Lamb who referred to the careful balance between income and expenditure, indicated in the printed Statements of Accounts.

In commenting on the Report Miss Cutler remarked that it was to be noted that, though the Association and Club certainly met their expenses, the balance of income over expenditure was due to the generosity of many Members of the Association in giving donations, and also to the energy of those who had promoted entertainments, a Sale of Work for the House Beautiful Fund, etc., and she considered that special notice should be taken of this.

The following were elected, under Bye-law XVII, to fill vacancies on the General Council of the Association:—

Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses.—Misses A. L. Charteris, J. C. Cowie, C. R. Gooding, M. Gray, G. Le. Geyt, M. Muriel, A. F. Rockett, Mrs. Strong, Misses E. P. Todd, S. A. Villiers.

Sisters and Nurses.—Misses E. Armstrong, M. Brown, A. M. M. Chew, E. Macintyre, E. A. Phillips, S. Rossiter, A. Schuller, M. Short, E. J. Sims, Mrs. Temple.

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