

THE REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the following Report:—

I have the honour to report that since the beginning of the financial year on October 1st, 1934, when the balance carried forward was £46 6s. 9d., we have received in annual dues from the affiliated associations for the year October 1st, 1934, to September 30th, 1935, £20 15s. With the exception of four associations all have now paid these dues.

We have also to thank the Nightingale Fellowship for a donation of £5. Affiliation fees have been £3 3s. We have spent to date £26 19s. 3d., leaving £48 5s. 6d. in hand in the general account to meet expenses for the current year ending September 30th.

Regarding the *per capita* contribution of our National Council to the International Council of Nurses, we have received for the half year, January to June, £290 18s. 4d., and the dues of three associations are still to come. We have further received £73 0s. 2d., towards the *per capita* contribution due to the International Council of Nurses in July.

In connection with the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund we have received in donations £32 10s. 3d., as under:—

	£	s.	d.
<i>From Affiliated Associations—</i>			
The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association	5	5	0
The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association	5	0	0
The League of Fever Nurses	5	0	0
<i>From Hospital Nursing Staffs—</i>			
The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne (per Miss A. Charteris, Matron) ...	8	8	0
The Royal Salop Hospital, Shrewsbury (per Miss M. J. Bedingfield, Matron) ...	5	0	0
The West Bromwich and District General Hospital (per Miss E. G. Thomas, Matron)	17	0	
<i>From Individuals—</i>			
Miss M. Sim, F.B.C.N. (Newfoundland) ...	1	1	0
Miss M. L. Jacobs, M.B.C.N. (London, Ont.)	1	0	0
Miss Meta Pennock (U.S.A.)		19	3
Our Bank Balance stands in the General Fund at	£405	9s.	

We had in the bank at the beginning of the year in the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund £500 on deposit and £5 9s. 4d. in the current account, which with the £32 10s. 3d. since received makes a total of £37 19s. 7d.

We have now, in order to pay for the Scholarship awarded for 1935-1936, transferred to the current account £250. When this is paid, therefore, we shall have a balance of £286 19s. 7d. in the Scholarships account, as verified in the bank balance to-day.

Collecting boxes, inscribed "Florence Nightingale Thank-giving Day, May 12th," are now available, costing 17s. 6d., and already the British College of Nurses, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League, the Royal British Nurses' Association and Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith for the United Nursing Services Club have each secured one. It is hoped that other affiliated societies will do the same.

The Report was adopted.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Important business was transacted in connection with the International Council of Nurses, a report of which, for want of space, is deferred until our next issue.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

It was agreed to invite Miss M. F. Hughes, Matron, The Royal Infirmary, Leicester, to act as one of the representatives of the Council at the forthcoming Representative Council Meeting of the National Council of Women to be held at Leicester in October next.

The meeting then terminated.

THIS BEAUTIFUL ANNIVERSARY.

To the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

My dear Mrs. Fenwick,

Although I am able to date this letter from your Jubilee Day, I am sorry that I could not write sooner so that you would have received it on this beautiful anniversary.

The French National Trained Nurses' Association takes part in the general joy of Great Britain on this remarkable day and the nurses of France send to their English Sisters their hearty and affectionate wishes on this great occasion of the British Empire.

This is just a few lines in order that you and your Council may feel that France unites with you all. As for you, my dear President, I beg you to be assured of my personal and very affectionate devotion.

L. CHAPTAL,
President.

Association des Infirmières Diplômées de l'Etat Français.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

A Meeting of the above League was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association on Saturday, March 30th, at 3 p.m.

After a delightful tea the Chair was taken by Miss Ballard, President. Miss Nelson gave a brief outline of the likely consequences to the Registered Nurse if such schemes of training as is being adopted by the Essex Council be allowed to proceed.

Miss Redknapp also gave an address showing the importance of skilled nursing for the chronic sick as well as the acutely sick.

The following Resolution was drawn up and sent to the undermentioned bodies:—

The General Nursing Council.
The Ministry of Health.
The National Council of Nurses.

Resolution.

1. That the above League have noted the suggestions formulated by the Joint Committee of the Municipal Associations and County Councils on the "Recruitment and Training of Nurses," and the proposals presented by that body to the Ministry of Health, viz.: "The care of the chronic sick shall be a separate branch."

Members of the League wish to state that while they recognise there is a problem to be solved by trained nurses themselves, they do not recognise the right or authority of such a Joint Committee to present a solution without the presence of any nurse representative on the said Committee nor general discussion among trained nurses.

2. Secondly, the members of the League are of the opinion that the above proposals would not be in the best interests of the trained nurse and would definitely degrade the status of the trained nurses in the profession.

3. Thirdly, they think the problem is easily capable of solution by nurses themselves by means of their elected leaders, and respectfully ask the opinion of their representatives on the General Nursing Council on the whole subject.

(Signed) HENRIETTA BALLARD,
President.

Sister Tutors are very much alive to this increasing menace to the Trained Registered Nurse and feel it imperative that something should be done.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the speakers and also to Miss Macdonald for her kind hospitality.

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