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Messrs. Pittman, Wood & Co., were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Miss Holmes proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers seconded by Miss Swaby Smith who said that the members felt deeply indebted to them for all the work which they accomplished for the Association and its Members. Mrs. Fenwick laughingly said that she could scarcely put this resolution seeing that she was one of the Honorary Officers, therefore Miss Farrant took the Chair and moved its adoption which was carried with acclamation. On resuming the Chair Mrs. Bedford Fenwick thanked the Members for their good will.

Mrs. Fenwick, from the chair, then moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary. These reports which were before the Meeting indicated a very great deal of work and administrative ability. It was seldom that gifts in art, literature, friendship were united to those of administration and knowledge of finance. The Secretary did combine these gifts and she asked the Members to record their appreciation of all the valuable work done for the Association throughout the year.

In replying the Secretary said that she could quite truthfully say that the inspiration for any success she might have had, in the direction of organisation, came from the Chairman herself. She like many others, saw certain standards established by Mrs. Fenwick as something to be "lived up to." "Without the stimulus arising from the 'vision' which Mrs. Fenwick keeps always before us as a kind of process of attainment, much of the pleasure of doing work would be gone."

After the more formal proceedings were closed, Mrs. Fenwick suggested that a vote of thanks be sent to Miss Treasure (who had left early), for all the lovely flowers which made the room so beautiful. Everyone knew what she did to make the surroundings so lovely for her fellow nurses and she was indeed most generous and kind in doing so.

Some discussion arose in connection with articles and correspondence which had recently appeared in "Time and Tide." Some Members asked Mrs. Fenwick to give her views on this and she spoke strongly upon the action of "Time and Tide" in making what was in fact an attack upon the nursing profession and one calculated to do much mischief from the point of view of public opinion.

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY.

It gave to the members in residence great pleasure when Sister Bergljot Larsson (President of the Norwegian Nurses Association) and ten Norwegian nurses, in England for an educational tour, came to spend the evening of 11th June at our headquarters.

Dinner was quite an informal affair but perhaps it was none the less enjoyable for the want of the speeches that are a feature in more official functions of the kind. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presided, with Miss Larsson on her right and Miss Rimestad on her left. Miss Bushby and Miss Margaret Brown also had seats at the high table, while other members were quick to take possession of their guests and to do what they could for their entertainment at the dinner table.

Before commencing dinner Mrs. Fenwick read a telegram from H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, welcoming

the Norwegian guests and expressing her hope that they would have a very happy evening. Later Sister Larsson sent a reply thanking Her Royal Highness for the hospitality extended to the Norwegian nurses and saying that they thought the Club "delightful." In the drawing room later Members of the Association did their utmost, as hostesses should, to make the evening a pleasant one for their guests, and several expressed the particular pleasure which it gave to them to welcome Sister Larsson. During the evening groups were conducted over the Club, "from roof to cellar" as someone described it, and they expressed great admiration of our airy little bedrooms. (The characteristic names on the doorplate of each seemed to cause considerable amusement and was criticised "as such an improvement on just a number." The spacious public rooms also called for favourable comment. Everyone signed the visitors' book that we might have a tangible remembrance of one of those days of celebration that have been woven into the story of 194, Queen's Gate and which appear to live long in the memory of Members who chance to participate in them, at least so it would appear when you hear one and another happily recall them to our memory round the drawing room fires on a winter night or when we gather in larger numbers for tea in the drawing room each Sunday afternoon.

PRESENTATION TO MISS NORAH FARRANT, S.R.N.

Miss Farrant, who has worked for the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, as Inspector for the Eastern Counties, the North, and latterly the County Nursing Associations, was, on her resignation, presented with the Austin motor car which she had been using in connection with her work, as a mark of appreciation of her services to the Institute. This generous gift will add to Miss Farrant's comfort and happiness in her retirement and is very much appreciated by her.

OBITUARY.

The holiday months have opened very sadly for the Association, for within twenty-four hours it lost three friends whose services and kindness we shall long remember with gratitude. Lord Amptill will always be associated in the Nursing Profession with the establishment of the Registration Acts and the triumphant termination of the long struggle for professional status. Those who took part in this will not readily forget the brilliance with which he helped to bring success to us in the Upper House. At the Memorial Service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the Association was represented by Miss Cutler and Miss Macdonald, and a wreath of beautiful summer flowers in various colours was sent from the Association.

On July 7th, Mr. Sidney Pitt, for very many years solicitor to the Corporation, died after a very long illness. The Royal British Nurses' Association owes much to him for the care which he gave to it in legal matters, and we could endorse all that the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, had to say, in his address, about Mr. Pitt's wise counsel and his great kindness. At the Memorial Service the Association was represented by Miss Cutler and Miss Macdonald; and the wreath sent was of white flowers, with the name of the Association picked out in small red ones, and with a spray of scarlet carnations.

During the same week-end, Mr. Claude Ferrier, F.R.I.B.A. (architect to the Association), was run over and killed by a motor cyclist. Mr. Herbert Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., represented the Association at the funeral service.

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