

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Nursing Profession is naturally gratified that a Princess of the Royal House should be able to write S.R.N. after her name, the more so as Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught is herself proud of her professional status.

Princess Arthur of Connaught is a grand-daughter of King Edward VII, and is also Duchess of Fife in her own right. Had she not been born in the purple she might have been a celebrated surgeon, as her keen interest in this science has enabled her to attain a high standard in various branches of surgical nursing.

Princess Arthur intends to be present at the Reception of the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which she is President, given to members of the I.C.N. Congress, on Monday, July 19th, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at 194, Queen's Gate on Friday, June 4th. A long Report sent up from the Executive Committee dealt with the many activities which had been promoted throughout the year, with the action taken by the Committee in relation to matters affecting the profession at large and with the progress of the different sections of the Association's work.

The various statements of accounts, as submitted by the auditors and adopted by the Executive Committee, were before the meeting. In her Report the Hon. Treasurer pointed out that, on the accounts of the General Fund, there was an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £91 10s. 2d. This she regarded as satisfactory, for, while she wished to see all departments of the Association carrying on their work efficiently for the interests with which they are concerned, the Committee have to bear in mind the fact that the Association has not an endowment, and income and expenditure therefore have to be administered with care and with due regard to the future and its demands. She compared certain items in the income and expenditure with those of previous years. The nurses in the Co-operation had had a very successful year, nearly £1,000 more having been paid over to them than in 1935. The Settlement Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £53 19s. 9d., but the Committee has to look forward to redecorating the greater part of the Home during the current year. In the Helena Benevolent Fund there had also been an excess of income over expenditure, but in relation to this it was to be remembered that there had been a considerable excess of

expenditure over income in this fund in the foregoing year and also part of the excess of income was being placed towards the foundation of a memorial to be used for an annual Christmas grant for some sick or aged member.

In closing her first year of office as Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson said that she wished to express to the members her thanks for all their kindness and generosity. Organisation, she said, is always expensive, and what might appear to the casual observer as likely to be our heaviest item of expenditure because perhaps the most apparent, is really often exceeded by others that come little into notice. Mrs. Hamilton Gibson moved that the Financial Reports be received. This was seconded, and in the discussion arising thereon Miss Hall said that she would like to take the opportunity to express her gratitude to those who had established and maintained the Settlement

Home. She had spent happy years there and felt great gratitude always for her nice room in the Home.

The result of the ballot was declared, and on this the following were elected to fill vacancies arising under Bye-Law xvii.:—

MEDICAL MEN.—Dr. Tempest Bennett, M.D., D.P.H.; Dr. L. Cutler, M.D.; Dr. E. Dore, M.D.; Dr. H. Morley Fletcher, M.D.; Mr. R. Lake, F.R.C.S.; Dr. J. Macewen, F.R.C.S.; Dr. F. E. McGlashan, D.P.H.; Mr. J. Murray, F.R.C.S.; Mr. W. G. Spencer, F.R.C.S.; Dr. J. Turner, M.B.

MATRONS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF NURSES.—Miss I. Balsillie, Miss E. Brodie, Miss A. Bushby, Miss A. Hyde, Miss M. Ingman, Miss M. Little, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Miss L. Mackie, Miss K. Smith, Miss B. Wright.

SISTERS AND NURSES.—Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss G. Blacklock, The Lady Hermione Blackwood, Miss M. Brown, Miss D. Cole, Miss F. Hoddinott, Miss E. Kynaston, Miss K. Probert, Miss C. Rigby, Mrs. Campbell Thomson.

At the close of the meeting Miss Schuller proposed,

and Miss Barclay seconded, a warm vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers for their services to the Corporation, after which tea was served and the gathering took on a more social colouring.

It has been decided not to insert the Royal British Nurses' Association's Supplement for the present in order to leave as much space free as possible for the Reports of the Congress which will be of great interest to members of the Association, and to all other members of the profession. Any important items relating to the Association will be reported but, as is usual at this season, lectures and other fixtures at headquarters are in abeyance.



H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT,
R.R.C., S.R.N.

President of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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