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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting took place on June 28th, and, as was to be expected, the attendance was somewhat small owing to the fact that so many members are absent from London. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick took the Chair. After the notice convening the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Executive Committee for the year 1939 was placed before the meeting. The principal subjects with which it dealt have already been reported in our official organ as they occurred, and we need not here recapitulate these reports. Reference was made to somewhat extensive repairs carried out on the property at Queen's Gate during the latter part of the year; those would probably have been postponed but for the fact that the order for their execution had been given prior to the declaration of war and the consequent difficulties and problems which arose for owners of property and establishments such as this. The war had its effects on several of the activities of the Association. Many nurses had joined the various Services, and this fact had its results upon the numbers in using the Club; also the usual stream of members coming from the provinces practically ceased. The effect upon the Co-operation was also very marked owing to the fact that almost every doctor in the habit of employing our nurses left town, as did also large numbers of people who might have had nurses in more normal circumstances. The effect, from the point of view of the nurses, was less serious than might have been the case, as so many were on duty in military hospitals and elsewhere.

Many of the regular activities of the Association were discontinued on the outbreak of war, but lectures, social gatherings and other events were referred to which took place during the first eight months of the year.

The benevolent activities of the Association had been useful to many members throughout the year. The nurses at the Settlement Home had, most of them, preferred to remain there in spite of risks of air raids. Through the sale of a small book, written by the Secretary, the sum of a hundred pounds had been added to the Jane Bath Moorhead Memorial, incorporated in the Helena Benevolent Fund, and Dr. Moorhead had generously brought his gift up to a thousand pounds. The lengthy financial statements on the various sections gave very detailed information on income and expenditure. There was shown an excess of income over expenditure on the General Fund of £35 18s. 2d., but this was nullified, in a certain sense, by the fact that the accounts of the Co-operation indicated a loss of £50. The profit on the accounts of the Helena Benevolent Fund was due to the facts stated in connection with the Memorial Fund. On the accounts of the Settlement Fund there was a deficit for the year of £33 5s. 7d., due chiefly to repairs on the property. The satisfactory position of the accounts of the General Fund was due entirely to the fact that the first eight months of the year were the best, from a financial point of view, since we took

over the present headquarters. But for this, the conditions of the last three months of the year would have shown a loss on the year's accounts. It had become necessary after the declaration of war to reduce the official staff; but this had come about automatically, as one member of it who had been in the office for nine years had already given three months' notice that she was leaving owing to family reasons, and another did not wish to return to London when war was declared. Their places were not filled, and thereby necessary economy was effected.

The following were elected members of the General Council to fill vacancies arising under Bye-law XVII :—

MEDICAL MEMBERS.

J. Browning Alexander, Esq., M.D.; S. Henning Belfrage, Esq., M.D.; Dr. Gladys Montgomery, M.D.; H. Sidney Bown, Esq., M.D.; L. Cutler, Esq., M.D.; Hastings Glover, Esq., M.D.; H. Moreland McCrae, Esq., O.B.E., M.D.; J. Burnett Rae, Esq., M.D.; P. Hall Smith, Esq., M.D.; Michael Smythe, Esq., F.R.C.S.

MATRONS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF NURSES.

Miss A. Y. Brodie, S.R.N.; Miss A. S. G. Bryson, S.R.N.; Miss C. R. Gooding, S.R.N.; Miss L. M. Havers, S.R.N.; Miss A. Marshall, S.R.N.; Lady Mitchell; Mrs. H. S. Robson, R.R.C., S.R.N.; Lady Dalrymple Watt, S.R.N.; Miss B. M. West, S.R.N.; Miss A. A. Wood, R.R.C.

SISTERS AND NURSES.

Miss A. Barclay, S.R.N.; Miss S. A. Hazelton, S.R.N.; Miss G. I. Horne, S.R.N.; Miss F. Macdonald, R.R.C., S.R.N.; Miss E. E. Morley, S.R.N.; Mrs. K. Mousley, S.R.N.; Miss M. I. Muriel, S.R.N.; Miss M. Parker, S.R.N.; Miss B. Ryan, S.R.N.; Mrs. M. M. Ta Bois.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

Major Rigg took the Chair when the Annual Meeting of the Annuity Fund took place. Although affected by war conditions in certain aspects, the Report placed before the meeting was satisfactory. Two small legacies had been received, and these, along with amounts arising on subscriptions and investments, had enabled the Council to invest a further sum of £1,000 towards the foundation of fresh annuities. It was stated that the Council had not followed its usual practice of reserving for investment all the income from subscriptions and donations, after paying the small amount required for administration, postage and the like, but had, as the times were difficult, thought it best to use part of this for additional relief, and some seventy-five nurses had been receiving annuities. These annual grants give great comfort to sick and aged nurses, many of whom say that they do not know what their position would be without such help and express the deepest gratitude for it.

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