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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

READ AT THE

General Meeting of the Society,

HELD ON

JULY 10TH, 1917.



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REPORT.

THE Annual Report is again published and presented in a condensed and abbreviated form, but no explanation or apology will be needed for this.

The work of the Society has again been carried out with some measure of satisfaction and success in spite of the many drawbacks and difficulties which three years of war must present to all such enterprises. The chief anxiety at the present moment is as to the supply of a sufficient number of Training students to meet the large expenses necessarily involved by such a complete and thorough system of instruction as that to which the Special Training Course has now attained. Educated women and girls are at the present time so greatly in demand for national work of all descriptions that it is difficult for them either to realize the enormous importance of fitting themselves for permanent patriotic professions for the future, or to spare the time involved by such a training now—so that the necessity of immediate training to meet the demand for Infant Welfare Workers, Health Visitors, Sanitary Inspectors, and similar public health appointments, is in many cases unheeded. This must result in two serious conditions—the inadequate supply of fully trained women Health Workers and the rush of *untrained* women seeking appointments after the war. To prevent this condition of affairs the Society is using its utmost influence in urging the importance of immediate training.

It is very satisfactory to note that while the number of students during the past year has fallen far below that of any previous year, yet the percentage of "Successes" is higher—a testimony to the very high standard of teaching to which the Society has now attained.



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The seventh Lady Priestley Memorial Lecture was given on June 29th, 1916. The lecture was on this occasion delivered by her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, who gave a most interesting address on "Saving the Children." The lecture has since been printed and published, and may be obtained at the office of the Society.

The next lecture of this series will be given during the autumn by Sir Arthur Newsholme, C.B., F.R.C.P., on "The Child and the Home."

We have again had the privilege of two lectures from Dr. Mary Scharlieb on "Venereal Diseases." Speaking as she does with the authority and knowledge of a Member of the Royal Commission on this subject, Dr. Scharlieb's words carry enormous weight and interest.

Other lectures and addresses have been given during the year, but it is impossible to mention them all as our space is so limited. All these lectures were open to the students as well as to the members of the Society.

The Committee records with deep regret the death of Dr. J. E. Squire, whose unfailing interest in the Society had been of such invaluable help for so many years.

Professor H. R. Kenwood has kindly consented to act as the Society's representative on the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board in place of the late Dr. Squire.

Important additions have been made to our series of Thrift leaflets, "Substitutes" for Potatoes," Recipes for Bread, Puddings, &c., made with Substitutes for Wheaten Flour" being among the new leaflets.

The Committee has been forced by stress of circumstances to issue an appeal to its members and friends for financial help. This need has been entirely brought about by the prevailing war conditions, and it is confidently hoped that with the support and help of the Society's very many friends the difficulties may be overcome, and that the work may be continued with increased energy for very many years.

NATIONAL HEALTH SOCIETY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s.		£	s.
To Balance from last account	144	1	By Rent of Offices, less receipts from sub-letting		
" Subscriptions	268	10	" Salaries	49	15
" Donations	115	10	" Printing (including Books, MS., &c.)	354	10
" Net proceeds of Training Classes	210	3	" Office Expenses (including Service, Cleaning, Heating, Insurance, Telephone, Travelling, Cartage, Lecture Apparatus, &c.)	149	18
" Net proceeds of Lectures and Examinations, including Sale of Medals and Certificates	30	16	" Postage, Telegrams, Carriage of Parcels	122	1
" Sale of Publications	51	0	" Stationery	25	17
" Advertisements	5	0	" Repairs and Additions to Furniture, Fittings, &c.	28	11
" Interest and Dividends on Investments	96	13	" Advertisements	4	7
			" Balance :-	55	6
			Cash in hand	£12	15
			Cash at Bank	88	12
			Cash on Deposit	29	19
				131	7
				15	4
				£921	15
				4	

N.B.—The Account of the printers (£200) in respect of publications was unpaid on December 31, 1916, but against this the Society holds a stock of literature. Other accounts to the extent of £132 2s. were also unpaid at the same date, these being covered by sundry fees not collected.

We have audited the books and vouchers of the National Health Society for the year 1916, and we certify the above Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to be correct. The Certificates representing the Society's investments as set out above are in the custody of the Society's bankers.

(Signed) JAMES FRASER & SONS,
Chartered Accountants.

INVESTMENTS.

London and South Western Railway 4% Preferred	<i>Par value.</i>	
Converted Ordinary Stock	£1,213	0 0
Great Northern Railway 4% Preferred		
Converted Ordinary Stock	1,716	0 0
	£2,929	0 0

31, COPTHALL AVENUE, LONDON, E.C.
March 22, 1917.