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Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association.

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Officers and Executive Committee, 1926.

President:

THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, K.G.

Vice-Presidents:

RT. HON. CHRISTOPHER ADDISON. DR. QUIN LENNANE. VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, M.P. MISS H. BIDELEUX. DR. J. A. H. BRINCKER. DR. MABEL BRODIE. DR. W. H. BRODIE. DAME MAUD BURNETT, J.P. MRS. M. DOUGLAS. LT. COL. FREMANTLE, M.P. DR. S. SEEKINGS FRIEL. MR. A. E. GLASSEY DR. J. A. HADFIELD. DR. WELLESLEY HARRIS. DR. J. LORIMER HAWTHORNE. PROF. BOSTOCK HILL. DR. ALICE HUTCHINSON. DR. W. JAMESON. DR. DAVID KIRKHOPE.

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Chairman : MISS A. SAYLE. Vice-Chairman : . MISS N. BROCKLEHURST. Hon. Treasurer: MISS M. CAMPBELL. Hon. Secretary: MISS M. E. DAVIES.

Honorary Legal Advisers: MR. J. W. Ross Brown, K.C., and MR. REGINALD CARTER. Trustees: DR. S. SEEKINGS FRIEL and MRS. ENID EVE. Auditor: MISS M. HARRIS SMITH, Chartered Accountant.

Executive Committee:

Name. MISS C. P. ARMITAGE. Group G. (Suffolk, etc.) and Editorial Com-Representative of mittee Representative. MISS O. BAGGALLAY. Overseas Group. MISS BANNERMAN. Northumberland and Durham Centre (Proxy). MISS M. E. BARBER. Northumberland and Durham Centre. MISS M. BLANCHARD. Group A. (Yorkshire). MISS A. E. BRADLEY. London Centre. MISS M. CARR. Lancashire Centre (Proxy). MRS. CARRICK. Northumberland and Durham Centre. MISS M. CAWLEY. Lancashire Centre. MISS E. M. DAVIES. Group C. (Lincs, etc.) London Centre. MISS E. R. FOOT. MISS F. B. GOODALL. London Centre MRS. HEATH. South Wales Centre (Proxy). MISS M. JOHN. South Wales Centre.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Continued).

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	Name.	Representative of
MISS	E. S. LEWIS.	Group B. (Staffs, etc.)
	MACPHERSON.	Northumberland and Durham Centre (Proxy) and Co-operation Committee Representative.
MISS	L. M. MARTIN.	Northumberland and Durham Centre (Proxy).
MISS	A. E. Moss.	Group D. (Wilts., Devon, etc.)
MRS.	J. KENT PARSONS	London Centre.
MISS	A. PENDLEBURY.	Lancashire Centre.
MRS.	RISING.	Lancashire Centre (Proxy).
	M. B. STEVENS.	
	E. M. THOMPSON.	London Centre.
	E. TURNER.	Northumberland and Durham Contre.
	D. WALDING.	Group F. (Berks., etc.)
MISS	C. G. WARE.	London Centre.
MISS	M. WILSON.	Group E. (Hants., etc.)

CENTRES AND GROUPS.

" A Group shall comprise, (a) members not belonging to a Centre, working or living in a given area. (b) Members engaged in a particular branch of Public Health Work."

"A Centre shall comprise, not less than 20 members working or living in the same area.'

"In the event of the representative of the Centre being unable to be present, the Centre may appoint a proxy."

Centres:

LONDON CENTRE.		
Chairman -	-	MISS N. BROCKLEHURST.
Hon. Secretary	-	*MISS F. B. GOODALL.
Hon. Treasurer	-	*MISS A. E. BRADLEY.
Committee -	-	MISS O. BAGGALLAY.
MISS W. H. BURNETT.		*MRS. J. KENT PARSONS.
MISS M. BLANCHARD.		*MISS M. B. STEVENS.
MISS M. CAMPBELL.		MISS E. WADE.
Miss E. R. Foot.		*MISS C. G. WARE.
MISS J. MACPHERSON.		*MISS E. M. THOMPSON.
LANCASHIRE CENTR	E.	
Chairman -	-	MISS L. KNOTT.
Hon. Secretary	-	MISS A. PENDLEBURY.
Hon. Treasurer	-	MISS A. A. WALSH.
		*MISS M. CAWLEY.
		*MISS A. PENDLEBURY.
Proxies		MRS. E. M. RISING.
		MISS M. CARR.
NORTHUMBERLAND	ANI	D DURHAM CENTRE.
President -	-	MRS. HUGH STOBART.
Chairman -	-	*MISS M. E. BARBER.
Vice-Chairman	-	MRS. GRUNDY.
Hon. Secretary	-	*MISS E. TURNER.
Hon. Treasurer	-	MISS RUTTER.
Committee -	-	MISS C. ALEXANDER.
MISS BISHOP.		MISS PARKER.

MISS M. BRAITHWAITE. MISS BUTTERWORTH. *MRS. CARRICK.

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Proxies -

MISS BANNERMAN. MISS MACPHERSON. MISS L. M. MARTIN.

MISS M. WATTERSON.

MISS COOPER HODGSON.

MISS VEITCH.

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SOUTH WALES CENTRE.

Chairman - Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer Committee -	 MISS E. I. JONES. *MISS M. JOHN. MISS M. SMITH. MRS. EVANS. MISS M. M. BOND. MISS DAVIES. MRS. HEWITT
	MRS. HEWITT. MRS. GRAY.

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Proxy - - - MRS. HEATH.

Groups:

Greup (a)—Yorkshire	*MISS M. BLANCHARD
Group (b)-Staffs., Worces., Wars., Shrop.,	
Hereford	*MISS E. S. LEWIS.
Group (c) —Lincs., Derby, Notts., Leices.,	
Rutland	*MISS E. M. DAVIES.
Group (d)-Glos. Wilts., Somer., Dorset.,	
Devon, Cornwall	*MISS A. E. Moss.
Group (e)-Hamps., Surrey, Sussex, Kent.	*MISS M. WILSON.
Group (f)-Berks, Bucks, Herts., Oxford,	
Northants, Hunts	*MISS D. WALDING.
Group (g)-Cambridge, Norfolk, Suffolk,	
Essex	*MISS C. P. ARMITAGE.
Group (h)-Overseas	*MISS O BAGGALLAY

* Representatives on Executive Committee.

ORGANISATIONS TO WHICH THE ASSOCIATION IS AFFILIATED, WITH NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1926.

Society.

Representative.

Consultative Committee of Women's Organ-	
isations	MISS
Federation of Medical and Allied Services	MISS
London Society for Women's Service	Mpg
(Employment of Married Women Committee)	mas.
National Association for the Prevention of	•
	Mrag
National Baby Wools Council	MISS
National Baby Week Council National Council for the Unmarried Mother	Miss
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and her Child	MRS.
National Council of Women:	
Housing Committee	MISS
Industrial Committee	MISS
Maternity and Child Welfare Committee	MISS
Public Health and Insurance Committee	MRS.
National Union of Societies for Equal	
Citizenship	MISS
Six Point Group	MISS
Six Point Group and Executive Committee	MISS
Trades' Union Congress	(Not
Other Organisations and Committees on w	hich +
is represented :	men u
"Maternity and Child Welfare" (Editorial	
Board)	Maaa
Board)	MISS
Women's precurical Association	WITSS.

MISS SAYLE. MISS SAYLE. MRS. GOODERED. e).

MISS MACPHERSON. MISS MOSS.

IRS. PARSONS.

MISS SAYLE. MISS SAYLE. MISS W. WHITBREAD. MRS. DURRIE MULFORD.

MISS M. E. DAVIES. MISS M. WILSON. MISS SAYLE. (Not yet appointed). which the Association

... MISS M. BROWN. ... MISS M. E. DAVIES,

SECTION B.

REPORT.

Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association.

ANNUAL REPORT 1st JANUARY-31st DECEMBER, 1925.

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Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association, it will be noted that our various activities have been somewhat extended during the year. For the first time in our history the Association has been represented at the Trades' Union Congress, where a resolution on behalf of the Association was proposed by Miss C. P. Armitage, while Miss C. G. Ware represented us at the first International Congress on Child Welfare at Geneva.

The wonderful success of the first residential and fifth Annual Winter School, when 138 students attended lectures and observation visits in and around London in order to study the latest methods in preventive work, reflects the highest credit upon the arrangements made by the Chairman and Secretary of the Association, who acted as hostesses at Bedford College. The spirit of comradeship and interchange of ideas, which the School fostered, will be of inestimable benefit to those workers, who, for the greater part of the year, are some distance from towns where they are able to meet others with interests in common.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-February 13th, 1925.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, on Friday, February 13th, 1925.

Our President, Dame Maud Burnett, was unable to be present on account of her health, and Dr. S. Seekings Friel very kindly took the chair in her place.

The Annual Report was presented by the Honorary Secretary, Miss Sayle, and contained a very interesting account of the year's work. Reports of the various conferences at which the Association had been represented, and reports of the sub-committees and centres were read.

The Annual Balance Sheet was presented, the balance in hand being ± 121 10s. 6d., a result which was received with great satisfaction.

The officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected.

The following resolutions were passed :--

1. That members may, if they desire, pay their subscriptions in quarterly instalments in advance on the 1st January, April, July and October, the subscriptions being in this case 5s. 6d. per quarter for members living or working within a radius of fifteen miles of Charing Cross, and 4s. 0d. per quarter for members outside this area, provided that, in the event of a member resigning, she shall be responsible for payment of her subscription until 31st December of the year during which she resigns.

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2. That the proportion of subscriptions due from Centres shall be paid to Head Office quarterly instead of annually.

3. That the words ' prior to 1st January, 1924,' in the Resolution dealing with qualifications for membership, passed at the last Annual General Meeting, be deleted.

4. That in cases where a member is forced to resign from the Association on account of illness, accident or unemployment, she may be elected an honorary member without payment of any subscription during the period of her disability, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

5. That a ballot of members be taken on the official scale of salaries to be adopted by the Association.

BALLOT ON THE CHANCE OF NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary reported that sufficient ballot papers had not been returned in order to change the name of the Association.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the President and Chairman, the retiring Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, and the Royal Sanitary Institute.

HONORARY LECAL ADVISERS.

The Association has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Reginald Carter, and in retaining the services of Mr. Ross Brown, K.C., as our Honorary Legal Advisers.

DEPUTATIONS.

We have been represented upon four deputations during the year.

Two to the Home Secretary on the need for a new Factories' Bill to consolidate and amend the present Factory legislation. One on the need for more Women Police, and one to the Ministry of Health in connection with Health Visitors' Diplomas. The first deputation to the Home Secretary was organised by the Industrial Law Bureau of the Young Women's Christian Association. Twenty-eight organisations of varying shades of opinion, e.g., the Conservative Women's Reform Association to the Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors Association, were represented. Miss M. E.

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Davies attended as the Association's delegate. The second depuation on the Factories' Bill was organised by the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations. On this Miss Sayle and Miss O'Kell represented our Association. The Six Point Group were responsible for the deputation on the need of Women Police, when we were represented by Miss Hale.

DIPLOMAS CRANTED UNDER THE RECULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Correspondence and interviews have taken place between the Association and the Ministry of Health on the above matter. A conference of Training bodies whose students were affected was called and two representatives of Bedford College, Battersea Polytechnic and the Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors' Association composed a deputation which attended at the Ministry of Health. Miss Sayle represented the Association and Miss Ware the students. The final outcome of the negotiations was that the Minister of Health will endorse the Diplomas to the effect that these are recognised under the Ministry of Health Regulations, 1925.

TRADES' UNION CONGRESS. Delegate: Miss C. P. Armitage.

Miss Armitage proposed the following resolution on behalf of the Association: "That in the opinion of this Congress it is essential to the Health of the Nation to increase the number of women Sanitary Inspectors, Health Visitors, School Nurses and other women Public Health Officers, and to secure the standardisation of their salaries and conditions of appointment."

In proposing the resolution, Miss Armitage emphasized the following points:-

The advisability of women Sanitary Inspectors inspecting workshops where women are employed, and women's sanitary accommodation in factories. The advantages of Women Inspectors visiting notifiable infectious diseases in addition to visiting non-notifiable infectious diseases was pointed out. Examples where Health Visitors had more than 400 births to visit were given, and attention was drawn to the effect of this on other aspects of Maternity and Child Welfare work such as Pre-natal work.

The need for more school clinics and treatment centres, especially in the country was emphasised, in addition to the need for more home visiting by the school nurse rather than by voluntary workers.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CHILD WELFARE CONCRESS, CENEVA.

Delegate : Miss C. G. Ware.

Miss Ware's delightful account of the above Congress appeared in the October issue of our "News Sheet." The lectures were in three sections, viz:--

SECTION I.—Medicine and Hygiene. This section was presided over by Prof. Von. Pirquet of Vienna.

SECTION II.—Social and Administrative, was under the leadership of M. Scelle, the eminent French Jurist.

SECTION III.—Education and Propaganda, was under the charge of the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair.

Many delegates elected to speak in French, the most commonly understood tongue, at the Sectional Meetings, which were held during the mornings.

Afternoons were taken up with visits to Institutions; one of these visits was to Dr. Rollier's Sun Treatment Clinic at Levsin.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE appointed by the Minister of Health to consider whether any amendment of the existing Local Covernment Officers' Superannuation Act is necessary.

Evidence was invited from Associations whose members might be affected. Accordingly, Miss Sayle, Miss Cooper Hodgson, and Miss M. E. Davies attended at the Ministry of Health, and were interviewed by the Committee from 10-30 to 12 o'clock, on November 6th. Among the points emphasized at this Committee on behalf of the Association's members, were:—

The need for the addition of 10 years' service in computing service for superannuation of women Public Health Officers on account of their late age of entry into the service when compared with that of other Local Government Officers.

That the retiring age be 60 with optional retirement at 55.

That the provisions of the Superannuation Act be extended to include fully qualified whole-time Health Visitors in the service of Voluntary Committees.

That women Public Health Officers be allowed to leave their contributions in the Superannuation Fund in the case of temporary retirement on account of domestic reasons, marriage, etc., and that all years of service (excepting those spent out of the service) be included for superannuation. It is to be regretted that N.A.L.G.O. could not see their way clear to supporting the resolutions,

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CONDITIONS OF SERVICE obtaining among Women Public Health Officers.

A mass of information has been collected and classified under this heading. Conditions vary enormously not only throughout the country but also in neighbouring Metropolitan Boroughs. This information has been obtained from Local Authorities of not less than 10,000 population. A questionaire was sent asking for information with regard to present conditions of service of their Health Visitors, including Salaries, Holidays, Sick-leave, Superannuation and qualifications.

The variety of qualifications calls for comment and the result of this enquiry points to the need for standar-disation of conditions of service.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE CONCRESS held at Edinburgh, July 18th to July 25th, 1925. Delegates: Miss Moss and Miss M. E. Davies.

An extremely interesting Congress was held in the Ancient City of Edinburgh, and delegates from such far countries as Japan and India were present among a large number from Great Britain and the Dominions.

As usual, vital questions affecting the Health of the people were discussed.

At the Maternity and Child Welfare Section, a paper on the Prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease, was of special interest to women Health Workers, and in the sections on Sanitary Science, Industrial, and Domestic Hygiene, papers on such subjects as : Active and Passive Immunisation against common Infectious Diseases, The Sick reaction for susceptibility to Scarlet Fever, Occupation and Tuberculosis, A working colony for Tuberculosis. Dusty occupations and their effect upon the lungs, Practical measures which should be advocated by Local Authorities with a view to reducing the prevalence of Cancer, were but a few of the many papers of intense interest to us.

The Health Visitors section was organised by the Scottish National Association of Health Visitors, Women Sanitary Inspectors, and School Nurses, and papers on, The School Nurse. Health Visiting in Rural Areas, Co-operation between the Mid-wife and the Health Visitor, and The Health Visitor in India were read and widely discussed.

A meeting was held on the afternoon of Friday. July 24th, when Miss Swanson spoke on Registration of Health Visitors by the Scottish Board of Health. It was most interesting to hear how they in Scotland had reached the goal to which we in England are aiming. A discussion followed, in which Miss Moss and Miss M. E. Davies took part, and a resolution was proposed by Miss Moss and seconded by Miss Cooper Hodgson, on behalf of the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association: "That it is desirable that a register of Public Health Officers be established by the Ministry of Health." This resolution was carried.

Miss Sayle contributed an extraordinarily interesting paper on "The Status and Conditions of Service of Women Public Health Officers, and what to do to improve them." The paper was read by Miss Moss. In the discussion that followed Miss Cooper Hodgson and Dr. Bostock Hill were among those who took part, and Miss M. E. Davies proposed the following resolution on behalf of the W.S.I. and H.V.A., "That this Conference is of opinion that there is urgent need for the stabilisation of salaries, holidays and other conditions of service for Women Public Health Officers." This was seconded by Mrs. Durrie Mulford, and was carried unanimouly.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE at Bath. Medical Sociology Section. Delegate: Miss Verbeyst.

The Standard of Purity of Milk was discussed at this section. Dr. Stenhouse Williams of the University College, Reading opened the discussion, and Dr. Savage, M.O.H., Somerset, and Dr. Eric Pritchard spoke from their respective points of view.

CONFERENCE ON THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS. Delegate: Miss Brocklehurst.

Here again the importance of a clean milk supply was emphasized by Dr. Stanley Griffiths, Sir Henry Gauvain, and Dr. Gordon Pugh. Miss Brocklehurst reports that "It is interesting to note that Tuberculosis is being treated more from a sanitary and social point of view and less as a medical problem."

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Seventeen Ordinary and two Special meetings of the Executive Committee have been held. Miss Sayle our Chairman attended 11 out of 19 meetings, and the average attendance was 9.2. When it is pointed out that these meetings are called for six o'clock and seldom terminate before nine o'clock, members will perhaps appreciate the amount of time given by the Executive Committee to the work of the Association, and this would not be possible but for the splendid work of our secretary, Miss Gray.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE. Secretary: M. Brown.

This Committee has met each month and prepared the "News Sheet," and matter for "National Health." We have been fairly successful in getting advertisements which have helped to defray the cost of the paper. The Committee will be glad of the help of members in securing more advertisements.

VIGILANCE AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

Secretary: F. B. Goodall.

This Committee met eight times during the year.

Members have applied to the Committee for help and advice, and several increases in salary have been secured. Propaganda work has been followed up and meetings held in Bournemouth, Plymouth, Pontypridd, Newport, Cardiff, Southend, and Nottingham. A meeting was held during the Winter School at Bedford College. Local Correspondents have been appointed to act as a connecting link between Headquarters and members not attached to a Centre.

A new Centre has been formed in South Wales, from which reports of successful and helpful meetings are received.

It was necessary to send 444 letters of protest to Local Authorities during the year; these were chiefly concerned with posts where the remuneration proposed was very low.

WINTER SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE.

Secretary: H. M. Gray.

This Sub-Committee met three times and arranged the syllabus and lectures for the Fifth Winter School. A report of the Winter School is given separately.

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

Secretary: H. M. Gray.

A Sub-Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee on February 27th, 1925, to enquire into and make recommendations upon the Association's financial position. The Committee met on six occasions during the year, and considered ways of increasing the Association's income.

Advertisements for the "News Sheet" were secured, and a very successful Hallow E'en Party, was arranged, which added to the funds.

In addition to temporary measures of this nature, the Committee recommended that the Association should concentrate upon securing the standardisation of conditions of service throughout the country. This recommendation was adopted by the Executive Committee, and as a preliminary step information as to existing conditions was collected. The Finance Committee helped to tabulate this information.

The Finance Committee is indebted to the Lancashire, London, and Northumberland and Durham Centres for the help which they gave.

TUBERCULOSIS AND MATERNITY SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee in January, 1925, and met four times.

A memorandum on the prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis was drawn up, and submitted to the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations, with a view to its being included in the evidence which they were giving before the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance. As the treatment of Tuberculosis is now transferred from the National Health Insurance Act to Local Authorities, it was not found possible to include the whole of the memorandum which had been prepared, but parts of it were included under the recommendations made by the Standing Joint Committee for specialist treatment under the Act. For the same reason, it was not possible for the Association to give evidence directly before the Royal Commission on National Heatth Insurance.

Various points connected with the relation between National Health Insurance and Maternity and Child Welfare work were also considered by the Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE CENTRE.

December, 1924—November, 1925. (abridged). Honorary Secretary: L. Knott.

This is the second year in which we have held our meetings in Bolton. The attendances have been good—174 at ten meetings, making an average attendance of 17, including non-members. Last year we had 27 members, this year we have 2 new members, and 5 or 6 application cards have been issued to prospective members.

During the year, headquarters approved our suggestion to alter our name from that of Manchester Centre to Lancashire Centre, with power to call it Lancashire Centre No. I. if another Lancashire Centre is formed.

There have been two or three discussions on salaries, and one meeting recommending the stabilisation of salaries for all Health Visitors and School Nurses.

We are very pleased to hear that several of our members are going to the Winter School again and we hope they will give us a few lectures in the New Year.

One of our greatest difficulties is getting lecturers, and I think Miss Pendlebury deserves our best thanks, for it is she who has been responsible for most of them.

Last year we gave £5 from our Special Fund to Headquarters. This year it was decided to use the Special Fund to pay the expenses of those who were appointed to attend the

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London Executive or Special Meetings in London. Our Special Fund is raised by selling or raffling articles given by members.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LONDON CENTRE.

Honorary Secretary: M. B. Stevens.

A meeting of members of the above Centre was held each month from January to June, and from October to December.

The following Lectures were given :--

Lt.-Col. Levita, Chairman of the L.C.C. Housing Committee. Subject: Housing.

Mr. Green, Hon. Sec. of The Dickens Fellowship. Subject: London as seen by Dickens.

Mr. Hall. Subject: Insurance for Women.

Mr. Harker. Recitation from Shakespeare.

Dame Meriel Talbot, D.B.E. Subject: Overseas Settlement for Women.

Dr. Hadfield. Subject: The Psychology of Children.

Miss Baggallay, Member of the London Centre gave a most interesting lecture on her recent experiences in America—where she had been sent to investigate the working of the public Health Schemes in various States.

Four Committee Meetings were summoned during the year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM CENTRE.

Honorary Secretary: M. Watterson.

The Minutes of the Meetings for the year 1925 show a steady development in what may be termed the active life of this branch of the Association.

Although three members have resigned, seven new members have been elected and there is evidence that greater individual interest is being taken in the aims and accomplishment of the Association in general.

The officers for the year were as follows :---

President: Mrs. Hugh Stobart Chairman: Miss Alexander Vice-Chairman: Miss Barber; Hon. Treasurer: Miss Fletcher; Hon. Secretary: Miss Watterson; General Committee: Misses Cathcart, Bishop, Bradshaw, Cooper-Hodgson, Parker, Turner and Wharton: Mesdames Spence and Drurey, Representatives to the Executive Committee: Misses Cooper-Hodgson and Turner.

The Balance Sheet for the year shows an income of £139 18s. 4d., and an expenditure of £127 9s. 11d., the balance left at the credit of the Centre at the end of the year thus being £12 8s. 5d.

During the year four General and three Committee Meetings were held. The average attendance at the General Meetings has been 28.5.

The first meeting of the year was held at Bishop Auckland on the 28th of February. With reference to the financial position of the Association it was decided in future to forward subscriptions from our branch to London quarterly instead of annually.

Very interesting reports were given by Miss Hodgson on the Annual Meeting and Dinner in London, and by Miss Barber on the Royal Sanitary Institute Conference at Liverpool. Mrs. Grundey and Miss Parker gave reports on the Winter School which were also much appreciated.

During the morning the members were shewn over the Bishop of Durham's Chapel and part of Auckland Castle. Our thanks are due to Miss Watterson for arranging this interesting visit, as also our thanks are due to the Bishop Auckland Health Visitors who provided a very welcome tea in the afternoon.

The next meeting was held at Hartlepool on the 25th of April. Miss Barber read the Ministry of Health Memo. 101, Circular 557 (on the training of Health Visitors), and gave us much useful information on the subject. A very valuable address on Labour Exchange Methods was given by Miss Ridgeway, the Chief Woman Official in Leeds Employment Exchange. The address was greatly appreciated and active discussion followed.

A very delightful tea was provided by the Mayor of West Hartlepool, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was extended.

A committee meeting was held at Newcastle on June 13th. It was decided to ask Headquarters to hold Special Quarterly Meetings at which representatives from the Centres would make an effort to be present.

At the general meeting which followed a resolution was passed to the effect that the chairman for this Centre should change each year, the vice-chairman for one year becoming automatically the chairman for the next.

Miss Veitch and Mrs. Carrick were nominated as representatives to the Geneva Conference and Miss Richardson and Mrs Spence as representatives to the Royal Sanitary Institute Congress at Edinburgh

Ultimately, only one representative attended the Edinburgh Congress.

Scholarships to assist these representatives to attend the Conferences were granted.

The second Committee Meeting was held at Middlesborough on the 17th October. All business was referred to the General Meeting which followed.

Discussions took place on the subjects of "Earlier Superannuation" and "Improved Uniform Salaries Scheme."

SOUTH WALES CENTRE.

Honorary Secretary: M. John.

The first Meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Pontypridd, on the 24th October, 1925. Miss Gray and Dr. H. G. Jones addressed the meeting re formation of Centre. There were present 15 members and 10 non-members. A Centre was formed with the minimum of 20 members.

The next meeting was held on November the 14th, when officers and a committee were formed. A programme was discussed, and all appeared to be keen on Lectures, also it was decided to hold our meetings at Cardiff.

On December the 12th, we held a meeting at the Y.M.C.A., Cardiff. After discussing the usual business, Dr. H. G. Jones, Assistant M.O.H., Rhondda, kindly gave an address on "Ante-Natal Care."

South Wales "Daily News" has helped considerably in giving publicity to our existence in South Wales, thus at every meeting we are able to increase our members by a small number.

The next meeting was held on January 23rd. At this meeting the members were given "Some observations and impressions," made by our members at the Winter School, this was so much appreciated by those present, that it was decided to give another meeting to this subject.

On February 13th, 20 members and 3 non-members were present at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Cardiff. A Clinical Lecture on "Orthopœtic Work," was kindly given by Major A. Smith, the Surgeon in Charge of this Hospital. All present were delighted with the Lecture and demonstration. Major Smith has kindly consented to allow us to arrange for other groups to attend a "Clinical Lecture."

On the afternoon of the 13th we held a short private meeting, when 18 were present.

CENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT OF OFFICE Routine Work.

The number of communications received during 1925 was 3,668. The number of communications sent out was 9,974, including:---

444—Protest letters to Local Authorities.

3407—Winter School communications.

587—Circulars to Local Authorities asking for information re conditions of service.

1096—Notice of Meetings.

Nineteen meetings of the Executive Committee were held and 25 Sub-Committee Meetings.

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WOMEN SANITARY INSPECTORS' AND HEALTH VISITORS' ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCLUDING BRANCHES-FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d,	PAYMENTS. £ s. d.
To Balance brought forward from 1924 ,, Members' Subscriptions , Winter School Fees:— Lectures 334 8 6 Residence 454 16 0 ,, Donations , Advertisements , Profit on Socials—'' Hallowe'en '' , Profit on Sales of Literature , Loan	290 789	7 4 16	$55 \\ . \\ 611 \\ 60 \\ 80 \\ 0$	By Salaries and Allowances to Officers : (Head Office)
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HEADQUARTERS' CASH ACCOUNT-FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d	— l.
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* Fees Paid in advance for following year.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH WINTER SCHOOL.

Bedford College for Women, December 30th, 1925 to January 12th, 1926.

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The Winter School of 1925-6—the fifth arranged by the Association—was marked by a new departure in organisation. For the first time the Association was able to concern itself with residential arrangements for the students. The organizers were fortunate enough to secure the use of Bedford College during the period of the School, including, not only the use of comfortable up-to-date lecture halls and Common rooms, but accommodation for about ninety resident students. It would be difficult to over-rate the advantages of this arrangement. It made possible amplification of the lectures by laboratory exhibits and open discussions of the subjects under consideration, and the provision of additional attractions in innumerable small ways.

The number of students, 138, was practically double that of the previous Winter School. It is to be hoped that the conditions which contributed so much to the outstanding success of 1926 will be continued, and indeed, extended, in future Schools.

As hitherto, the point of view from which the Health Visitor's work is regarded in the arrangement of the lectures was slightly different from those of preceding years, thus introducing several allied subjects in addition to the essential ones included in every Winter School time-table. The complete course of lectures given below, were uniformly interesting and often inspiring. The rota of visits of observation was increased this year by a number of institutions, including the Borstall Institution, Aylesbury, The Tufton Street Sunlight Clinic, Dr. Octavia Lewins' Nasal Clinic, Schick Test Clinics and various building schemes. Visits to Papworth Tuberculosis Colony, Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripple Hospital, at Alton, Carshalton, St. Thomas' V.D. Clinic, The Mothercraft Training School at Highgate, the Mother's Hospital, Shoreditch Welfare Centre and many other hospitals and institutions proved as attractive as ever.

C. G. WARE.

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TIME-TABLE OF LECTURES.								
The numbers indicate the section to which the Lecture belongs. FIRST WEEK.								
Wed., Dec. 30th.Thurs., Dec. 31st. Fri., Jan. 1st. Sat., Jan. 2nd. Mon., Jan. 4th. Tues., Jan. 5th.								
10 a.m. I. The Ideal Home.	9-30 a.m. I. Venereal Diseases. Dr. Anwyl Davies.	10 a.m. I. Ante natal Care. Dr. Hawthorne.	10 a.m. I. Family Budgets. Mrs. McKillop, M.A.	 9 a.m. I. Food in Relation to Growth & Health Prof. V. H. Mottram 10 a.m. 	10 a.m. 11. Foundations of Education or Nursery Schools Miss Margt. McMillan.			
10-45 a.m. I. Recent Advances in our Knowledg of Heredity. Mrs. C. B. Hodson.		Nasal Hygiene Demonstration. Dr. Lewin.	 11-15 a.m. I. Home Treat- ment of Tuber- culosis. Dr. R. A. Young. 	 Mental and Moral Training in the pre- School Period. Dr. J. A. Hadfield. 11-15 a.m. I. Breast Feeding. Dr. H. Waller. 	11-15 a.m. II. The Abnormal Child. Dr. A. F. Tredgold.			
		SE	COND WEEK.					
Wed., Jan. 6th.	Thurs., Jan. 7th.	Fri., Jan. 8th.	Sat., Jan. 9th.	Mon., Jan. 11th.	Tues., Jan. 12th.			
10 a.m. II. The Emotion- al Develop- ment of the Child. Dr. Crichton Miller.	10 a.m. II. The Open- Air School and the Care of the Tuberculous Child. Dr. Connan.	10 a.m. II. Infections— Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria. Dr. David Kirkhope.	Whole Day	10 a.m. 111. Tuberculosis and Work. Dr. D. M. Connan. †	10 a.m. III. The Psychology of Play and the Need for Playing Fields. Dr. J. Reaney.			
11-15 a.m. II. School as a Menace to Health. Dr. Letitia Fairfield.	† 11-15 a.m. II. Sunlight and Health. Dr. Jones. *	 11-15 a.m. III. How the Health of the Worker is Pro- tected by the Public Health and Factory Acts. Mrs. Rackham. 	Visit of Observation.	11-15 a.m. III. The Preventive Work of Mental Clinics. Dr. T. S. Good.	11-15 a.m.III. State Insurance as it Affects the Family.Miss Eleanor Rathbone.			

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