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As the Association was co-operating throughout the year in the formation of a new "Society of Women Housing Estate Managers" it was agreed that no fresh elections of the Officers and Executive Committee should take place. The Marchioness of Salisbury was kind enough to consent to continue as President and the other officers and Committee carried on from the previous year.

A great loss was sustained by the death of the Earl of Antrim, a Vice-President, who was largely responsible for the employment of Women Estate Superintendents by the Ministry of Munitions and who in his own work for the Peabody Trust brought many of the principles of Octavia Hill management into another field.

We regret also the death of Miss Brownrigg who was once an ardent and devoted member of Miss Octavia Hill's staff.

ORGANISATION.

As the constitution of the New Society was completed by the election of a Council at a first General Meeting on 29th October, 1932, it seems likely that the Association will be able to hand over its duties to a truly representative body of all Octavia Hill workers, especially as many of the members of the New Council are tried members of the Association's former Committees and the others are friends already well known to members in Octavia Hill work. Miss Thrupp has been appointed the first Secretary of the new Society and the Hon. Secretary of the Association hopes to co-operate with her in every possible way, so that the transfer of the work of organisation and training of students may be made without any breach of continuity.

The Executive Committee decided to terminate the tenancy of the office at Abford House on 25th December, 1932, as no income could be expected for the Association after the end of 1932, and the New Society has offered the hospitality of its office at 36 Victoria Street until final arrangements for the Association are made at the Annual General Meeting. We have to thank Mrs. Hicks for a gift of books for the library, Miss Cole-Baker for files, and Miss Alford for the loan of the typewriter.

TRAINING.

During 1932 eight students undertook the full training. Miss Coltman (January), Miss Burn (April), Miss Hanks (April), Miss Reid (April), Miss Keith (June), Miss Robertson (June), Miss West (September), Miss Winnington-Ingram (October). Miss Crawford (now Mrs. Nicholson), who had been appointed student assistant at

Cheltenham, left there on her marriage and is working part time at Bethnal Green. Miss Bouverie who returned from leave of absence in Malaya was reappointed to Cheltenham.

The Grants kindly continued by the Horace Street Trust have been of very great help in enabling promising students to complete their training.

EXAMINATIONS.

1. *Chartered Surveyors' Institution.*—

Women House Property Managers' Certificate.

Miss Nora Baker passed this examination and she and Miss Hurst who had taken the Special Single Examination were granted the Certificate.

2. *Royal Sanitary Institute.*—

Miss Godfrey, Miss Negus, Miss Strachan, and Miss Thomas passed.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

1. *Assistants' Certificates.*—

Miss Alford, Miss Baker-Wilbraham, Miss A. H. Baskett, Miss Bouverie, Miss Negus, Miss G. Philipp, Miss Strachan, Miss Thomas and Miss Watson.

2. *Managers' Certificates.*—Miss Bankes, Miss M. E. Hart, Miss Kipping, Miss M. Mackintosh, Mrs. Monro, Miss Murray, Miss Perrin, Mrs. Rawlins, O.B.E., Miss Robberds, Miss Thrupp, and Miss Upcott.

APPOINTMENTS.

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| Miss N. Baker | - | Manager, Cambridge Housing Society, and to the Borough of Cambridge (May). |
| Miss Bankes | - | Manager to United Women's Homes, Ltd. (Dec.). |
| Miss A. H. Baskett | | Assistant to Miss Galton (Dec.). |
| Miss M. R. Baskett | | Manager, Grosvenor Housing Scheme, City of Westminster. |
| Miss Cole-Baker | - | Manager to the Royal Borough of Tunbridge Wells (April). |
| Miss King | - | Second Assistant, Borough of Chesterfield (June). |
| Miss Murray | - | Manager to Westminster Housing Trust, Ltd. (Dec.). |
| Miss Sedgwick | - | Manager of Property at Morden (Oct.). |

MANAGEMENT.

The Bethnal Green and East London Housing Association opened a fine block of 32 flats at Brent House, Hackney, in April. Miss Sedgwick has taken over the Management of about 100 cottages in Morden and Miss Upcott a small property in East Ham.

The United Women's Homes, Ltd. decided on reorganisation to appoint an Octavia Hill trained Manager for 1,200 tenancies, and Miss Bankes was invited to undertake the work from January, 1933. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have opened two blocks of flats, 16 in all, at Westminster, and are beginning a scheme at Wandsworth which will be for the present under the management of the Walworth office, and of which two blocks will be ready for occupation in January, 1933.

The Royal Borough of Kensington has decided to have a salaried manager instead of having certain of its properties managed on commission as heretofore, and a larger number of properties are to be managed under the Octavia Hill system.

The Councils of Brighton and Newcastle-under-Lyme are also advertising for women Estate Managers.

The Fulham Borough Council took evidence upon Octavia Hill methods and interviewed one trained woman, but a man superintendent was finally appointed to the Swan brewery site flats.

The Housing Committee of the City of Liverpool recommended the appointment of a Woman Housing Inspector with two assistants but the matter was finally rejected by the City Council.

MEETINGS.

An Octavia Hill lecture was given at the Royal Society of Arts in October on "Octavia Hill and Recreation for the People" by Mr. S. Hamer, Secretary to the National Trust, Sir George Duckworth took the Chair, and Dr. Elsie Casson also spoke. More than one hundred people attended and the lecture was preceded by an enjoyable social meeting of past and present workers including managers, caretakers, and others who had old associations with Miss Octavia Hill.

Two general meetings in May and September were mainly devoted to consideration of arrangements for the new Society.

Miss Miskin addressed the Gentlemen's Employment Association in Liverpool in February.

Miss Upcott spoke at a meeting of the Willesden Housing Association in February on "Municipal Management" and at a Housing discussion in London in April on "The Next Decade of London Housing."

At the Municipal Managers' Conference at Cheltenham in May, Mr. Parker Morris, Town Clerk of Westminster, addressed the members on the value of records in showing the results of good management.

Miss J. Sunderland addressed the Girls' Friendly Society Conference at High Leigh in June.

Miss Morgan represented the A.W.H.P.M. at an International Conference on Social Work at Frankfurt-am-Main in July, and Miss Cook was representative at the Students' Christian Movement Conference at Swanwick.

Miss Thrupp read a paper to the Lancashire and Cheshire branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution in October, on "Octavia Hill Methods of House Property Managing."

Miss Upcott moved a Resolution on behalf of this Association at the National Council of Women Conference at Norwich in October, advocating the provision by Local Authorities and Public Utility Societies of simpler dwellings of more varied types which could be let at lower rents than those now generally prevailing for new dwellings. Miss Gardyne, President of the Perth Branch of the N.C.W. which is interested in the Perth Housing Society "Better Homes, Ltd." seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously by a very large meeting.

The Chief Architect of the Ministry of Health subsequently consulted the Association on the subject and three members of the Council met him and gave him their suggestions.

The Council of the Association decided it was undesirable to have an exhibit of "Management" at the Building Exhibition at Olympia, but individual members connected with Housing Societies took part in the exhibit shown by the "New Homes for Old" organisation.

Miss Morgan took a party from Stockwell Women Teachers Training College over the flats of Lambeth Housing Ltd. in December.

MARRIAGES.

Miss Bentley is now Mrs. Cox.

Miss Crawford is now Mrs. Nicholson.

Miss Cooper is now Mrs. Roger.

PUBLICITY.

Miss Baskett's paper on "Reconditioning by Voluntary Housing Societies" has been printed and is on sale, price 1d.

The Ministry of Labour pamphlet on House Property Management as a Career was brought up to date by the Hon. Secretary in co-operation with Miss Jeffery.

Miss Larke had an article on "Housing and the Churches" in the "Commonwealth" for August and one on "The Educated Woman as Estates Manager" in the "Catholic Citizen."

An Article appeared in the "Monthly Pictorial" with an illustration of the flats of the Chelsea Housing Improvement Society, and interviews with the Hon. Secretary in the "Daily Sketch" and the "Queen."

Miss Upcott wrote on "Careers" in the "Woman's Leader" of June, and on "Municipal Management" in the "East Mitcham Log" for July.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Miss M. C. Galton has been elected to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women.

An Institute of Housing Administration was formed at a meeting at Birmingham in February, and of an Executive Committee of fourteen then elected there were three women, Miss Fenter (Birmingham C.O.P.E.C.) Miss Hort, and Miss Moor.

OVERSEAS VISITORS.

Visits were received from—Miss Kuypers, a Manager from Holland, Miss Radski, from Cologne, Mrs. Walsh, Cape Town, and Miss Wollaston, New York.

Miss Agnes Lagerstadt, of Stockholm, who trained under Miss Octavia Hill in 1889 and is now 82 years of age, wrote an account of the Property Management in which she is still actively engaged. The Stockholm Association now owns blocks of flats, housing over 2,000 persons.

J. M. UPCOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

FINANCE.

At the beginning of the year, the Association faced the possibility of a serious deficit in their accounts. The fact that they were able not only to avoid an overdraft but actually to end the year with a balance of £62 in hand, is due to the prompt payment of members' subscriptions, the generosity of donors, and the presence of a full time Honorary Secretary, to whom every thanks is due.

The Committee had recommended an early quitting of Abford House, but with this assistance it was found possible to stay on at a slightly reduced rent until the end of the year, which in the circumstances was of the greatest advantage.

M. K. MOOR,
Chairman.

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