



British Legion - Women's Section Meeting

The annual meeting of the women's section was held in the Memorial Hall, 45 members being present. The chair was occupied by Mrs. W Johnson, who referred to the death of one of the members (Mrs. Courtney) and to the tragic death of a member's son (Robert Lorraine L'Anson). The members stood in silence, followed by the silent tribute and prayers for the Forces. Miss Calley (president) then gave a short address. Mrs. Howard (treasurer) presented the financial statement, showing a good balance in hand. Mrs. Welch (secretary) read the annual report, which showed that the section was still very active and had raised throughout the year, £77 for various charities. The election of officers took place by ballot and resulted as follows: President, Miss Calley, re-elected; chairman, Mrs. Walter Johnson; vice chairman, Mrs. Southan; treasurer, Mrs. Howard; secretary, Mrs. Welch; committee, Mesdames Court, Drewett, Goldsmith, Green, Hacker, Liddington, Marshall, Riches. Robinson and Stone. The chairman thanked all those members who had helped in any way to make the section run so smoothly and so well during the past year and especially to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Harding, from Stratton section, for their help as tellers. A discussion took place as to widows' pensions being smaller in this war than in the last and Mrs. Southan proposed and Mrs. Thompson seconded that a resolution be sent to the Wilts Division of the British Legion protesting against this unfairness. Mrs. Paterson and Mrs. Thompson entertained members before tea, which was served by Mrs. Court and helpers. The general stall, supervised by Mrs. Liddinton, realised 10s. 4d. and a competition run by Mrs. Howard yielded 18s.

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