

Dr. Schofield, in proposing the adoption of the Report, said that there were two salient points, one of which he thought explained the present successful position of the Association, and the other gave good augury of its success in the future. The first point was that the whole work hitherto had been performed gratuitously and the necessary office room provided for the Association, by Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to whom he thought the Association owed a debt of gratitude which could not be sufficiently expressed; the other point was that Miss Wood had been appointed as Secretary. Everyone knew how respected that lady was by all Nurses, and he considered her tenure of office as Secretary would largely add to the estimation in which the Association would be held by the Nursing profession. (Applause.)

Miss Mollett seconded the resolution, and it was adopted unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then read Reports from the Executive Committee, recommending Regulations for the Medal of Merit for Nurses and for the Colonial Branches. These were discussed at some length and finally were unanimously adopted as follows:—

REGULATIONS FOR THE MEDAL OF MERIT FOR NURSES.

1.—The title of the Medal shall be the Princess Helena Medal.

2.—The Medal shall be of gold, stamped on the one side with the official seal of the Association, and on the reverse with a suitable inscription, which shall in each case be determined by the Executive Committee.

3.—The Medal shall be awarded from time to time, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, confirmed by a vote of the General Council, to Nurses who have specially distinguished themselves in the exercise of their profession, or who have rendered unusual services to the cause, or materially advanced the knowledge, of Nursing.

4.—Not more than one Medal shall be awarded annually.

5.—Nurses to whom the Princess Helena Medal shall be awarded shall thereby become Life Members of the Association, and of the General Council.

REGULATIONS FOR COLONIAL BRANCHES.

1.—On the requisition of not less than 50 members resident in any Colony, group of Colonies, or Dependency of the British Empire, the Executive Committee shall be empowered, at its discretion, to grant such Members authority, in writing, and under the Official Seal of the Association, to form a Branch of the Association. But no Branch

shall be formed without such previous authorisation from the Executive Committee.

2.—Each Branch shall be governed in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Association, and shall be empowered to admit Members subject to whatever rules shall be in force at the time. But duplicates of such Members' Application Forms shall in each case be forwarded to the Central Office in London, and each Member shall pay his or her Annual or Life Subscription to the parent Association, and the Executive Committee shall have the power, at its discretion, to cancel the admission of any Member to the Association.

3.—Each Branch shall be entirely self-supporting; shall hold an Annual Meeting for the election of its Committee of Management, and such other meetings as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and shall frame such Regulations for its guidance as it finds desirable. But such Regulations must always be approved by the Executive Committee before they come into force.

4.—The Secretaries of every Colonial Branch shall act as Local Secretaries of the Association, and perform the duties allotted to that post.

5.—Each Branch shall forward a yearly Report of its proceedings, and its Balance Sheet, to the Executive Committee.

6.—The Executive Committee shall have the power to dissolve any branch of the Association if circumstances should arise sufficient in its judgment to warrant the proceeding.

7.—Two Members of each Colonial Branch shall each year be appointed by the Branch as Members of the General Council, and shall have the power to make any communication they consider necessary, in writing, to any Meeting of the Council.

8.—The Executive Committee shall have the power to alter, amend, or add to, these Regulations as from time to time it may consider advisable.

The next business was a recommendation from the Executive Committee that a house should be taken for the Association, the ground floor of which could be used for the purpose of offices for the Association, and the upper floors as bed-rooms. This accommodation it is believed would prove to be a great benefit and convenience to Nurses, especially those from Provincial Hospitals. This was unanimously adopted.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the past year was then presented, and unanimously adopted, and was as follows:—

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