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The Annual Report* was then presented by the Hon. Secretary, and its adoption proposed by Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, who pointed out that an immense amount of work had been done at very small expense, and the Society was one of the few she knew which was not in financial difficulty. Before the Bill of the Society now before Parliament had been adopted pains had been taken to obtain an expression of opinion not only from nurses and members of the laity, but also from hospital committees; it was their own fault if they took no notice of it. She thought the answer issued by this Society to the Anti-Registration Manifesto showed its futility. The Manifesto of the opposition was an expression of opinion, while the Reply of the Society was an expression of principles.

Miss Flora Stevenson, LL.D., said it gave her much pleasure to second the adoption of the excellent and convincing Report the meeting had just heard.

Mrs. Bridges then said she would like to propose that the hearty congratulations of the meeting be sent to Miss M. A. Nutting, President of the Maryland State Association of Nurses, on the passage of a Bill for the Registration of Nurses in that State. This was carried by acclamation. The Report was then adopted.

The Executive Committee for the ensuing year was then appointed, on the proposition of Mrs. Grimsdale, seconded by Miss Cameron.

The Hon. Secretary, in reading the proposed list, said it had been drawn up with the intention that those appointed should to some extent represent nursing societies. The following ladies were then elected:—

Miss Louisa Stevenson.	} <i>Ex-officio.</i>
Miss Isla Stewart.	
Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.	
Miss Ross, delegate Matrons' Council.	
Mrs. Hayward, delegate St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League.	
Miss Laura Baker, delegate St. John's House Nurses' League.	
Miss S. Cartwright, delegate Registered Nurses' Society.	
Miss Heather-Bigg, Matron Charing Cross Hospital.	
Miss Barton, Matron Chelsea Infirmary.	
Miss Marquardt, Matron Camberwell Infirmary.	
Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary Matrons' Council.	
Miss Mary Burr, Hon. Sec. St. John's House Nurses' League.	
Miss Helen Todd, Matron National Sanatorium, Bournemouth.	
Miss E. M. Roberts.	
Mrs. Gower.	

Miss E. S. Haldane,	} <i>Scotland.</i>
Miss Sandford,	
Miss Wade,	
Miss Huxley,	} <i>Ireland.</i>
Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C.	
Mrs. Kildare-Treacy,	

It was then proposed by Mrs. Charles Greenwood, Vice-President, that the following additions should be made to the Constitution:—

"That ladies and gentlemen not connected with nursing be eligible for election as Associates of the Society."

"That the annual subscription for Associates shall be 5s."

In moving these additions to the Constitution, Mrs. Greenwood said she claimed to represent the public, whose interests were bound up in this question. The public should insist on the enforcement of some recognised standard of nursing knowledge, so that they might be able to distinguish between the competent and incompetent. Nurses owed much to such leaders in their profession as Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Isla Stewart, who were well acquainted with its weak places and the necessary remedies. It was to the interest of the public to support their efforts, and, therefore, she felt that they should be able to join this Society. If a system of Registration of Nurses had been in force at the time of the war in South Africa, and only registered nurses had been sent out, some of the things which happened then would never have occurred. As a member of the public, therefore, who could speak from personal experience of the extreme value of really good nurses, she had much pleasure in proposing the admission of ladies and gentlemen not connected with nursing as Associates of the Society.

Mrs. Hayward, in seconding the resolution, said that the more who took a vital interest in this important question the better for all concerned. The Society would gain in weight by associating with it instructed public opinion, and, as it was the lay public who were the sufferers from inefficient nurses, it was to their direct advantage to support any effort which would give the qualified and orthodox a defined position.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., then proposed the following resolution:—

"That this meeting cordially approves of the Bill for the Registration of Nurses introduced this Session into the House of Commons by Dr. Farquharson, M.P., and considers that it is desirable, in the public interest, that a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into the whole nursing question."

He said: "Miss Stevenson and Ladies,—I am here as a member of the public, and I maintain, and am prepared to maintain, that in the question of Registration the public and nurses have an equal interest. The public ought to be interested in the status and position of nurses—first, because of the debt of

* This Report will appear in full next week.

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