

"Many of them will be drawn to the profession of nursing, where, more than in any other, they have the opportunity of applying their natural qualities of gentleness, patience, tact, and kindness. Many of them will come to your school because they will find in it distinguished companions, and later on, honourable positions.

"It is because they had the clear ideas of evolution, of which I have been speaking that the founders of this association have done a work which is, in my opinion, full of future possibilities.

"I thank 'Madame la Presidente' for having given me the opportunity of saying it in the presence of this assembly.

"Dr. Rist reminded us only a minute ago that, in this neighbourhood a brass plate has been put up to show the passers-by, the first laboratory of Pasteur. From this laboratory came out the works which, in revolutionising medicine and hygiene, have rendered necessary the creation of such schools as yours. You must feel assured that your example will be followed, and that thanks to you, the nursing profession will succeed as it deserves, because it will be practiced by women who are as cultured and refined as they are devoted.

"You will also be the promoter of this movement, and when the lay training schools organised at the inspiration of this one, have multiplied, the modest establishment of the Rue Amyot, model of all the others will also have merited to be a work which ranks amongst those the public will acknowledge."

Who, in reading the translation of De Roux's address will doubt that in Paris, if not in France, they have not understood the nursing question, such as it ought to be.

Those who doubt it, must read Dr. Blatin's book, or go and have a chat with M. Montreuil, the director of the Salpêtrière, who eighteen months ago was sent by M. Mesureur the director-general of the Assistance Publique to England. My only regret is that M. Mesureur did not come and see for himself as I invited him to do—but M. Mesureur is very, very French!

E. R. WORTABET.

The National Council of Nurses.

It has been decided to postpone the Exhibition of Practical Nursing Appliances till October, as the Committee find that there is not time before May to make the necessary preparations. The first annual meeting of the Provisional National Council of Nurses will be held early in May, when it is proposed to have a Social Gathering, the Presidents of the affiliated societies to act as the Reception Committee. As upwards of 3,000 nurses are now associated together through this Council, its first assembly should be of a very delightful nature.

Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the offices, 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, February 16th, at 4 p.m. Miss Isla Stewart presided.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed letters were read and discussed from Miss S. Gotea Dozier, President of the Californian State Nurses' Association; Lord Justice FitzGibbon, Dublin; Mr. Norman M. Macpherson, S.S.C., Edinburgh; Viscount Morpeth, M.P., Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., Sir Philip Magnus, M.P., Miss Louisa Stevenson, President; the Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, Miss E. S. Haldane, Mrs. Charles Douglas, Miss Macintyre, Wigan; Mrs. Kildare Tracey, Dublin; Miss Huxley, Dublin; Miss A. M. Edwards, York; Miss Gaved Wills, Newark; Miss Burr, Ebbford; and others.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary reported the result of the Special General Meeting, held to consider the Re-drafted Bill of the Society, at 20, Hanover Square, on January 19th. She reported that Mr. Munro-Ferguson, M.P. for Leith Burghs, N.B., had again consented to ballot for and introduce the Bill into Parliament, and that it would be backed by Sir J. H. Kennaway, Bart., P.C., Unionist Member for the Honiton Division of Devon, by request of Miss Mary Burr; Mr. A. Fell, Unionist Member for Yarmouth, by request of Miss E. R. Wortabet; Mr. Eve, K.C., Liberal Member for Mid Devon; Mr. A. W. Black, W.S., Liberal Member for Banffshire; Dr. T. Macnamara, Liberal Member for Camberwell N., by request of Miss Marquardt; Mr. C. D. Rose, Liberal Member for Cambridgeshire E.; and Mr. William Crooks, Labour Member for Woolwich; and several other members had the matter under consideration.

Of the members who backed the last Bill Sir James Joicey had been raised to the peerage; Mr. R. B. Haldane, K.C., P.C., had entered the Cabinet as Secretary of State for War; and Sir Thomas Wrightson, Mr. H. C. Smith, Dr. Farquharson, and Dr. Thompson are not members of the present Parliament.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement showed that since the October meeting £22 10s. had been received in subscriptions and £20 1s. in donations, and that there was a balance of receipts over expenditure of £21 6s., which was satisfactory, but as political propagandism was expensive, donations and subscriptions, small and great, would be greatly appreciated. The small expenditure resulted from the fact that the Society incurred no official expenses, the use of the office being the generous contribution of the Registered Nurses' Society, and all work having been voluntary during the past year. The list of donations was read

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss M. Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Hospital, and Miss M. Burr, were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following 134 applications for membership were approved:—

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