

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which as the authorised official organ of the Council is a valuable medium of communication between the members.

One of our most valued Hon. Members, Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, is collaborating with Miss M. A. Nutting in the compilation of a History of Nursing, the first volume of which will be published in May next. The publication of this volume, both on account of the known ability of the authors and from the fact that it is the first professional history to be compiled, is eagerly awaited.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £8 17s. 1d.

The adoption of the Report was proposed by Miss Mollett, seconded by Miss J. A. Smith, and carried unanimously.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Miss Row (Shadwell), Miss Ross (Fulham), Miss Bell (London), Miss Roberts (Wimbledon), Miss Rogers, (Leicester), Miss Richmond (Birmingham), Miss Cureton (Bournemouth), Miss Mawe (Weston-super-Mare), Miss A. Barling (Kidderminster), Mrs. Bridges (Brighton), Miss Pell Smith (Leicester), Miss Plum (Folkestone), Miss Waind (Guildford), Miss Webb (Middlesbrough), Miss Buckingham (Rotherham), Miss Purvis (Middlesbrough), Miss Gaved-Wills (Walsall), Miss Bradshaw (Dublin), Miss Newman (Belfast).

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were considered and approved from—

Miss Inye Bröchner, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W.

Miss Bessie Chaff, Royal Infirmary, Truro.

Miss M. L. Appleyard, Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

Miss Ethel Hodges, Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

Miss E. M. Musson, General and Eye Hospital, Swansea.

Miss Alice J. Raynes, Cuddington Hospital, near Epsom.

Miss Bertha May, Convalescent Home, East Ham.

Miss Edith M. Clarke, City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

Miss D. E. F. C. Dunn, Victoria Hospital, Kingston-on-Thames.

Miss Louisa W. Holford, Nursing Home, Claremont Road, Surbiton.

#### THE STATUS OF THE MATRONS' COUNCIL IN A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

In view of the approach of the time when the constitution of the National Council of Nurses will have to be considered in this country, the position which the Matrons' Council should take in such a Council was then considered and discussed at some length. Eventually on the proposition of Miss Mollett, seconded by Miss Pearse, a sub-committee was appointed to consider the question and to lay a scheme before the next meeting of the Council.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following resolution, proposed by Miss Sidney Browne, and seconded by Miss Villiers, was then considered and carried unanimously:

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland supports the Petition to be presented to the Prime Minister on behalf of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, urging that a Government Bill for the State Registration of Nurses should be introduced next Session, and emphasises the importance of the provision of public safeguards in connection with those who undertake the care of the sick as professional nurses."

The meeting then terminated.

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Sec., Matrons' Council.

#### The Society for State Registration

An account of the meeting, held on the 1st inst., is unavoidably held over till next week for want of space. Ninety new members were elected.

#### The First Irish Nursing Paper.

We welcome the first number of the *Irish Trained Nurse and Hospital Review*, the first Irish nursing paper, and one which is organised on professional lines, and is edited, owned and published by nurses for nurses. It is attractively edited and printed, and announces that it will deal with State Registration, Poor-Law Reform, Medical, Surgical and Fever Nursing, Midwifery, Army, Navy, Colonial, District and Private Nursing, Appointments, Lectures, Examinations, Social Gatherings, Amusing Incidents, in fact, anything and everything of professional or of social interest to nurses. It also announces the formation of the first Nurses' League in Ireland, the honour of being the first to organise in this way belonging to Steevens' Hospital. The cost of the *Irish Trained Nurse* is 8d. per year, post free. It is obtainable from the Secretary, *Irish Trained Nurse and Hospital Review*, Printing House, Dublin.

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