

## THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on June 29th, Mrs. Fenwick presiding.

An interesting Report was presented, and the meeting congratulated that it was probable that in the near future many trained nurses would be enfranchised as citizens, and their opinions would then count, instead of being absolutely ignored by successive Governments.

### THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

The Report dealt with the present anomalous position of the Central Committee in so far as two of its constituent Societies had failed to support the fundamental Resolution which established the Central Committee, which was worded as follows:—

“That the Societies now represented at the Conference do formally constitute a Central Committee, composed of the five delegates nominated by each Society respectively, for the purpose of securing united action in regard to State Registration until a satisfactory law has been passed by Parliament.”

It was an open secret that both the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland whose delegates helped to draft, and approved the Bill promoted and agreed to by the Central Committee, had associated with the College of Nursing, Ltd., and accepted office without reference to the Central Committee, and that they had helped to draft the College Bill, which was opposed to several of the fundamental principles to which they had previously agreed in the Central Committee's Bill. These two Societies, though outvoted by 20 to 2 in opposing the policy of the Central Committee, had passed and sent to the press resolutions criticising and opposing its decisions taken in Committee, thereby violating the decencies of the conduct of business in their support of the College Bill.

A Resolution disapproving of these methods was down for consideration by the Central Committee at a forthcoming meeting. A house divided against itself must fall, and the attempt to disintegrate the Central Committee by members associated with the College, should be determinedly resisted.

The President invited discussion.

After discussion in which those present strongly deprecated the policy of those who had failed in “united action” in support of the Central Committee's Bill which they had helped to draft, the delegates were directed by a unanimous vote to support the Resolution on the Agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Central Committee, and agreed to do so.

### NEW MEMBERS.

New members were then elected, the number showing substantial support for the policy of the Society, that the Government should be invited to help to promote a just Bill for the Registration of nurses, at a convenient time—always taking into consideration the necessity for war legislation taking priority of all Bills for social reform.

M. BREAY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre at the hospital, on Saturday, June 30th, Miss Cox Davies, R.R.C. (President), in the Chair. Before the minutes were read, the President announced the names of those who had been recipients of Honours since the last meeting, which have already been reported in this Journal.

It was agreed that the congratulations of the League should be sent to these ladies.

### REPORTS.

*The Treasurer*, Mrs. Turnbull, then presented a satisfactory financial statement, which showed that though the subscriptions received were less, owing to so many members being away, there was a substantial balance in hand. The Treasurer reminded the League that subscriptions are due in November, and that her work is much facilitated if these are promptly paid.

*The General Secretary*, Miss B. Cutler, reported that 48 new members had joined the League during the year and two had died, Miss Horsnail after a long illness, and Mrs. Goodman, one of the original members, quite suddenly. After she had been pensioned she used to come to the hospital linen room to mark blankets, and one morning failed to do so, later the news came that she had passed away peacefully in her sleep. (Mrs. Goodman was an example of the best type of the good old-fashioned nurse, now almost extinct, kindly, comforting and devoted to duty.) There were now 920 members of the League.

She further reported that the League delegates present at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses on November 23rd had supported a Resolution which placed on record the approval of the Council of the action of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses in amending its Bill so that it could be introduced into Parliament when occasion permits, and expressing its satisfaction that the Bill provides (1) for a Statutory Nursing Council for the organization of the Nursing Profession, on which trained nurses have direct representation; and (2) for the One Portal System of Registration after a three

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