

enable many country Members to take a late morning train after pressing Hospital duties were over, and to return before night.

The next business was the Election of Officers. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick proposed that Miss Isla Stewart be asked to become the Chairman of the Matron's Council. She had fully proved her efficiency for the post by her management throughout this meeting; and that she would have the interests of the Council sincerely at heart was undoubted. This was seconded by Miss Robertson, and carried with acclamation.

Miss Isla Stewart proposed that Mrs. Dacre Craven, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Carvosso, be elected Vice-Chairmen. Miss Elma Smith seconded the motion, which was carried.

Miss Turner proposed, Miss Duffus seconded, and it was carried that Mrs. Andrews should be elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Isla Stewart then read out a list of those who might, subject to their consent to act, form the Executive Committee; and after careful consideration, the following were agreed to by all present:—The Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, and Hon. Secretary, and the following: Mrs. Coster, Miss Medill, Miss Wedgewood, Miss Hogg, Miss Clarke, Miss Hopkins, Miss Rogers, Miss Cureton, Miss Wingfield, Miss Smedley, Miss Hughes, Miss Ross, Miss Duffus, Miss Turner, Miss Peters, and Miss Robertson.

The proceedings were then brought to a close shortly after half-past ten with a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Isla Stewart for presiding; and to the authorities of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for their kind permission to hold the meeting in the Board Room.

### The Registered Nurses' Society.

DEAR NURSES,—A Meeting of the Committee of your Society took place at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when the following letter, addressed to the chairman, was read, and it was decided to submit the letter and regulations for your consideration, the Committee feeling sure that you would appreciate at its true value the honour conferred upon your Society, and that the necessary corps of ten Nurses would speedily volunteer for active service.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION,  
17, OLD CAVENDISH STREET, LONDON, W.

July 13th, 1894.

SIR,—I have been instructed to inform you that it has been decided by the Royal British Nurses' Association, to organise a Reserve of Nurses for Army Service in case of war. The project is one in which Her Royal Highness the President takes a personal interest, and I am directed to invite the co-operation of the Committee and Members of the Registered Nurses' Society in giving effect to it. I am directed to furnish you with copies of the Regulations, and Form of Agreement to be signed by Nurses when enrolled

in the Reserve Corps; and, further, to request that, in the event of this scheme receiving your favourable consideration, the names of ten Nurses, of three or more years' training, may be communicated to me (two of whom should be competent to act as Superior Officers and Ward Sisters), who would be willing to enrol themselves members of this Army Reserve Corps of Nurses. Awaiting the favour of your reply.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ALICE RAVENHILL,  
Secretary of the Corporation.

The Chairman of Committee,  
Registered Nurses' Society, 269 Regent Street.

The following are the Regulations of the Reserve of Nurses for Army Service:—

1. No Nurse shall be enrolled who has not had three or more years of hospital training or experience.
2. The reserve to consist in the first instance, and as a nucleus, of one Metropolitan Company of 60 Nurses.
3. The Company to be divided into six groups of ten Nurses each, of whom two shall be officers of the respective groups.
4. The enrolment of each Nurse to be sanctioned in writing by the chief executive officer of the Hospital to which she is attached, and by the Matron of the Hospital.
5. The enrolment of each Nurse shall be for a period of three years, subject to the condition of her remaining in the employment of the Hospital during that period, and shall be renewable for the same term. Vacancies which may occur in consequence of a Nurse leaving a Hospital, shall, if possible, be filled up by the enrolment of a Nurse engaged in the service of the same Hospital.
6. No Nurse shall be enrolled unless she be certified in writing by a medical officer of the Hospital to which she is attached, or by some registered medical practitioner recognised for that purpose by the Corporation, to be in all respects physically qualified.
7. The age limits shall be 30 and 45, inclusive, for Superintendents and Ward Sisters, and 25 and 40 for Staff Nurses.
8. The respective Hospital authorities shall be asked to agree that no Nurse shall forfeit her position, or prospect of promotion, through absence on Army Service.
9. The Reserve, should its organisation extend, shall consist of the following:—(a) The Superintendent General, H.R.H. The Princess Christian; (b) a Deputy Superintendent General for each of the Three Kingdoms; (c) a Lady Superintendent for each Corps of 60 Nurses; (d) Ward Sisters; (e) Staff Nurses.
10. All Members of the Reserve who may be employed in active service shall, if so required, be subordinate to the Army Sisters.

*Form of Undertaking to be signed by Nurses desiring to be enrolled in the Reserve of Nurses for Army Service.*

I hereby apply to be enrolled, for a period of three years, in the Reserve of Nurses of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and undertake to serve under the Authorities of that Department, in the event of War, when called upon by the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and, subject to the sanction of the Honorary Superintendent, to attend any special Lectures and Classes of Instruction to which I may be summoned in the name of the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, during the term of my enrolment; and I undertake to give one month's notice to the said Executive Committee in the event of my desiring to withdraw my name from the Reserve of Nurses.

NOTE.—This Undertaking will not be accepted unless it be countersigned by the Chief Executive Officer and the Matron of the Hospital in which the Nurse is engaged.

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