

politan and Provincial Hospitals, and to the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, who all, to the utmost of their ability, seconded the efforts of the President on that memorable occasion.

The Executive Committee call the attention of the General Council to the fact that the Roll of the Corporation includes 2,796 members, being an increase of 261 on the membership of the corresponding period in the year which has just expired.

The Members of the Council are invited to avail themselves of such opportunities as may occur, to impress upon Registered Nurses the importance of contributing to the corporate strength and influence of their profession, by enrolling themselves as members of the Association.

The past three months have been signalled by the delivery, for the first time, of courses of educational lectures on Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene, Nursing, and Ward Management; and thanks are due to the several lecturers for encountering the difficulties of establishing a curriculum which is calculated to be of great value to those who are about to adopt Nursing as a vocation, and to others who are interested in sick-room attendance. Similar, and no less complete, courses of lectures for the current quarter are in course of delivery.

An interesting sessional lecture has been given by Mrs. Hughes, of Manchester, and others will be delivered according to announcement.

The General Council will learn with pleasure that a steadily increasing interest in the Association is being evinced by its Members and other Nurses on the Continent of North America, in the Colonies of South Africa and Australia, and also in Her Majesty's Empire of India. Miss Farquharson, the Lady Superintendent of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, has offered to do the work of a Secretary for the Corporation in the Colony of Victoria, with a view to furthering the registration and enrolment of Nurses, and has been duly empowered by the Executive Committee to act in that capacity.

On December 1st last, an important conference between Her Royal Highness the President and the Executive on the one hand, and the Irish Members of the General Medical Council on the other, was held in the Offices of the Corporation to consider the formation of an Irish National Branch, and the opinion was expressed that such a step is in the highest degree desirable, and that, at no distant date, may be initiated with success. The thanks of the Corporation are due to the distinguished Irish physicians and surgeons who were present on the occasion, and to Mr. Brudenell Carter for inviting and facilitating their attendance.

A steadily increasing number of Nurses continue to avail themselves of the advantages of the club room which has been placed at the disposal of members of the Corporation, and the General Council is invited to assist in the formation of a reference library by the contribution, as far as opportunities permit, of works bearing on Medicine, Surgery, and the allied sciences, and of standard works of general literature.

Speaking generally, the work of the Corporation has never been more widely and conspicuously useful than at the present moment, and its prospects of proving to be a national institution of extending utility and importance have at no time been so full of promise.

Sister Cameron, of the Army Nursing Staff, and Miss Edith Kirwan-Ward signified their wish to resign their seats on the Council, owing to inability to attend the meetings; and the following ladies were elected to fill existing vacancies:—Miss F. Meyrick, Lady Superintendent, Surgical Home, Beaumont Street; Miss E. Mellor, Matron, Cottage Hospital, Wellington, Somerset; Miss Wilkinson, Charge Nurse, County Hospital, Lincoln; Miss Emily Morten; Miss Constance B. Walker; Miss Mary Burr, and Miss Constable, Sister, Great Northern Hospital.

Members are again earnestly requested to exert all possible influence on behalf of Miss Maria Van der Ben, in order that she may be successful in obtaining an election to the Royal Hospital for Incurables in May next. Cards stating the case can be obtained from the Office.

Copies of the Charter and Bye-Laws in pamphlet form can be obtained from the Office, price 6d.

ALICE RAVENHILL, *Secretary of the Corporation.*

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AT the Quarterly Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, at which Her Royal Highness the President presided, five vacancies were filled by the following Nurse Members:—Miss FLORENCE MEYRICK, Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Hostel, 33, Beaumont Street. Miss MEYRICK received her training at Westminster Hospital, and was for many years Lady Superintendent of the Invalid Ladies' Home in Harley Street.

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MISS EDITH CAROLINE MELLOR, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Wellington, Somerset. Miss MELLOR was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1885 to 1887, and later obtained a certificate of three years' training at the General Hospital, Bristol, from 1890 to 1893, in which latter year she was registered.

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MISS MARY G. WILKINSON, Charge Nurse, County Hospital, Lincoln, was trained for three years and certificated at the General Hospital, Nottingham, from 1881 to 1884, from which date she has held her present appointment. Miss WILKINSON was an early member of the Association, and was registered in 1890.

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MISS EMILY S. MORTEN was trained and certificated at the Alexandra Hospital, Brighton, from 1885 to 1887; since then she has been engaged in Private Nursing. She was registered in 1890.

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MISS CONSTANCE B. WALKER was trained at the Victoria Hospital for Children in 1880, and at Middlesex Hospital, and has of late been actively engaged in Private Nursing.

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MISS ELIZABETH CONSTABLE, Sister at the Great Northern Hospital, was trained, certificated, and

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