

Mr. Asquith, in seconding the resolution, said that the provision of trained nurses in these distant parts of the Empire meant the difference between discomfort and ease, and possibly life and death.

The motion, which was supported by Dr. Patrick Manson and Sir George Goldie, was carried by acclamation.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when a very satisfactory report was presented.

From the audited accounts, the Society has, during the past year, received an increase of £900 on the receipts of last year, making a total of £4,916 14s. od. received from patients, and a large number of cases have been refused.

The earnings of the nurses, who have worked continuously through the past year, have varied from £157 10s. od. to £76 16s. od.; the average being no less than £102 10s. od. for an average of 40½ weeks' work. Almost every nurse took eight weeks' holiday during the year; while the large number of doctors who previously supported the Society have continued to give it their valued support, no less than one hundred and seven new practitioners have commenced to send to the offices during the year for nurses—a fact of the highest significance, importance, and encouragement, as proving the increasing reputation of the Registered Nurses' Society.

Sisters Farnsworth and Webb retired in rotation from the Committee, and Sisters Davie, Fawkes, and Tudor, were elected to replace them and Sister Wheaton, to whose death the Report referred in appropriate terms.

The Committee expressed their complete approval and satisfaction at the manner in which Miss Sophia Cartwright, the Secretary, and Miss Marion Edwardes, the Assistant-Secretary, had performed their duties during the past year, and the harmonious manner in which the work of the Society continues to be conducted.

A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, for their interest in the Society, was passed unanimously.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, Hon. Superintendent of the Registered Nurses' Society, will see candidates for membership of the Society, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 27th to 29th inst.

Qualifications.—Each nurse must hold a three years' certificate of training, after examination, from a General Hospital, where theoretical and clinical instruction is given. Preference will be given to those candidates who, in addition, have experience in nursing special branches of disease, Gynæcology, Obstetrics, Fever, Nervous Diseases, and Massage. Mental nurses must possess a certificate of general training, and, in addition, hold the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Society.

The Royal Red Cross.

THE Queen has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross on Miss Leonora Maxwell-Muller, late Superintendent in the Indian Army Nursing Service, in recognition of her special devotion and competency in the discharge of her duties, and of the care bestowed in training British soldiers and Army Hospital Corps attendants in nursing duties.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS S. J. GLANVILLE has been appointed Matron of the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital, Bromley. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of Assistant Matron to the Hackney Infirmary.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS C. M. CARR has been appointed Assistant Matron and Midwifery Nurse to the Isle of Wight Union. She was trained for three years at the Oldham Union Infirmary, and acted in the same institution as Sister for one year. Miss Carr has also worked on the private nursing staff of the Zella Nursing Institute, Southport, and as Charge Night Nurse at the Barnsley Union Infirmary.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS SUSAN MILNE has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum. Miss Milne was trained at the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesborough, and has held the position of Staff Nurse, and Sister at St. Saviour's Infirmary, East Dulwich.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS GRACE BRANSON has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Chester-le-Street Union Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Branson received her training at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospitals, and subsequently held the position of nurse at both of the above mentioned institutions.

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