

filled, either in general meeting, or by the Executive Committee, providing always that the President shall be chosen by the members of the League in general meeting assembled.

8. The Annual Subscription shall be 2s. 6d.

9. There shall be two meetings annually for the transaction of business; and one or more social gatherings.

10. There shall be a half yearly Journal published for the first two years containing a list of members with their addresses, and official positions. Members are invited to send literary contributions and such details of their career as would be of interest to the League. It shall be sold at a cost which shall cover expenses.

THE PRESIDENT.

The Chairman then vacated the chair, and Miss Breay said she would like to make a proposal which she felt sure would commend itself to all present, namely, that they should invite the Sister Superior to honour them by becoming a member of the League. This was seconded by Miss Davis, and carried by acclamation. The Sister Superior having accepted this invitation Miss Breay further proposed that she be invited to accept the office of President. This was seconded by Nurse Frearson and carried with enthusiasm.

THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The Sister Superior then again took the chair, and said that she considered her appointment to the office an honour which she much appreciated. She then proposed that Miss Mary Burr be appointed Secretary and Treasurer. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mrs. Day then proposed, and Miss Laura Baker seconded, that Miss Breay be appointed Vice-President. This was carried unanimously.

The following Executive Committee was then appointed: Miss Pearson, Miss Passant, Miss Davis, Miss Genman, Miss Collins, Miss Pipe, Miss Heaton, Miss Young, Mrs. Day, Miss Baker,

The question of the journal was then discussed in detail, and the President urged all the members of the League to make it a success by writing for it on subjects of interest, and by supporting it.

THE BADGE.

The Executive Committee were authorized to obtain designs for a badge, and to select one which appeared suitable at a moderate cost.

The proceedings throughout were characterised by the greatest animation; and many of those present took part in the discussions. After a cordial vote of thanks to the President for her services in the chair, and for the time and trouble which she had spent in organizing the League, the meeting terminated.

Nursing Politics.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE MIDWIVES LIST.

From the manner in which the officers—or if it was brought before it, the Executive Committee—of the Royal British Nurses' Association has dealt with their List of Midwives, in consenting to abolish it immediately they were tackled by the Medical Defence Union, it is quite plain that the London Obstetrical Society must at once demand that the Royal British Nurses Association shall either cease to publish a List of Midwifery Nurses in the coming issue of the Roll of Members, or give the nurse members who hold a certificate of midwifery from the London Obstetrical Society the title and status for which they have paid. There can be no sitting on the hedge on this matter, and should the London Obstetrical Society hesitate to take action, they cut the ground from under their own feet and must at once cease to take the money of trained nurses for a midwifery certificate, which they permit their colleagues to describe as a nursing certificate, and which is a worthless document from a professional standpoint.

We have before us a prospectus of a proprietor of a nursing Home in London, who describes herself as a trained nurse (a member of the Royal British Nurses Association), and also as a certificated midwife (diploma of the London Obstetrical Society). On these qualifications she advertises herself as prepared to admit into her Home patients either for midwifery or general nursing. For the past two years the name of this lady has appeared on the "List of Nurse Members who have obtained certificates qualifying them to act as midwives," issued by the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses Association, and which, without the consent of the members, whose names appear in this list, they now propose to alter into "midwifery nurses" instead of "midwives." Indeed, they have so described those who appear on this special list in the Nurses' Journal advertisement columns since February last, and thus place members using the title of midwife in a thoroughly false position.

Now the fact is that the Committee of the Royal British Nurses Association were acting quite illegally in issuing a list of midwives at all, as the Royal Charter gives the Association no such power.

THE PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE CORPORATION.

The purposes and powers of the Corporation are as follows:

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