

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee shall consist of members and hon. members who shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING.**

At the Annual Meeting those eligible to vote shall be the members, hon. officers, and members of the Executive Committee.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

The Annual Subscription shall be half-a-crown, payable on the first of January.

**ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

The Constitution may be altered or amended only at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose, and only when full notice—of at least fourteen clear days before such meeting—of the proposed alteration, addition or omission shall have been given to every member upon the notice convening the Meeting.

A letter was read from Miss Stevenson suggesting a life membership subscription.

It was agreed that it was important to interest the public in the work of the Society, and to obtain their co-operation on the Executive Committee. Provision was therefore made for the election of hon. members, from whom donations or annual subscriptions would be gladly received.

The following officers were then elected: President, Miss Louisa Stevenson; Senior Vice-President, Miss Isla Stewart; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

It was also agreed that a limited number of Matrons of training schools, and of the laity who are taking an active part in public and educational work, should be invited to become Vice-Presidents. The ladies previously mentioned in the Report of the Registration Sub-Committee of the Matrons' Council were then proposed as local Hon. Secretaries by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seconded by Miss Kinnear Adams, and their appointment was carried *nem. con.*

With regard to the appointment of the Executive Committee, a Sub-Committee was formed with power to add to its number to consider the question. The Committee nominated included Miss Louisa Stevenson (President), Miss Isla Stewart, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Foley, Miss Marquardt, Miss Hay Forbes, Miss Hurlbatt, Miss Clara Lee, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Burr, and Miss Macvitie, subject to their consent to act.

On the proposition of Miss Mollett, seconded by Miss Greenlaw, it was agreed:—

That in the future all official announcements of the Society for the Registration of Trained Nurses appear in the NURSING RECORD.

The meeting then terminated.

**The Public Meeting in Favour of State Registration.**

The public meeting in favour of the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at Morley Hall at three o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, May 30th. In the unavoidable absence of Miss Louisa Stevenson the chair was taken by Miss Isla Stewart, President of the Matrons' Council, and Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss Stewart opened the meeting by saying that it was with feelings of keen regret that she occupied the chair which it was hoped would be taken by Miss Louisa Stevenson. She had a letter to read from Miss Stevenson but those who knew her would feel that no letter could make up for the charm of her gracious presence. Miss Stevenson wrote:—

Dear Miss Breay,—It is with more regret than I can express that I am compelled, owing to a severe cold, to give up the pleasure to which I have been looking forward for so long of presiding at the Public Meeting in favour of State Registration for Nurses, to be held in London on Friday for it. Will you convey to the members of the new Society my sincere thanks for the honour they have done me in electing me as their President, and assure them of my hearty sympathy with the work about to be undertaken. A statement of the objects of this Society has been so clearly and ably set forth in a paper just issued by the Provisional Committee, that I shall not occupy your time with formal repetition. At present the majority of the public have no means of judging between a true and a spurious nurse, and there are certificates floating about which are worse than valueless. What is the remedy? We must have, and we must work and fight till we get it, a strong, intelligent and enlightened central authority who shall regulate and define the qualifications necessary to entitle a nurse to have her name placed on a State Register. This Council should consist of a majority of experienced Matrons, a certain number of doctors—men or women, and lay members of Hospital Boards, with experience and knowledge of nursing matters, all to be elected eventually by registered nurses themselves. An opinion has been expressed that we who favour State Registration attach less importance to the character of a nurse than to her technical skill. Such a misunderstanding I desire to repudiate from the first. Indeed, I do not believe that a good nurse from the technical point of view, can be made out of anyone who is not at the same time a good woman. This, I think, experience has taught us all.

The door of entrance to what ought to be a Nursing Profession, stands too widely open. It ought to be guarded by preparatory training by

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