

institution should be invited to send a representative.

Mrs. Fenwick said the difficulties in this connection were (1) that it was found a practical impossibility for busy country nurses to attend committee meetings in London, and (2) in the large majority of private nursing associations in the country the nurses had no self-governing powers; they were merely the employees of their committees.

It was proposed by Miss Isla Stewart, and carried, that all Leagues of Nurses should be invited to appoint representatives to act on the Committee. Mrs. Fenwick said the principle that the nurses should send their own representatives was an important one.

The Executive Committee was then elected.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were then considered and unanimously adopted:—

“That the annual subscription to the Society be in future 1s. per annum, and that a subscription of 5s. shall constitute Life Membership so long as it exists for its present purpose.”

Proposed by Miss E. C. Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary.

Seconded by Miss G. B. Macvitie, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

“That the members who have paid 5s. be elected Life Members.”

Proposed by Miss G. Knight, Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham.

Seconded by Miss L. Bradshaw, Matron of Donnybrook Hospital, Dublin.

“That applicants for membership provisionally accepted by the Executive Committee on the 1s. basis be elected members.”

Proposed by Miss H. Poole, Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn.

Seconded by Miss G. Kinnear Adams, Matron Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow.

There was then an interval for lunch, when hospitality was offered to those present at the morning meeting by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Walter Spencer, and by Miss Edith Debenham at St. Andrew's House. The members who were entertained at St. Andrew's House expressed their pleasure at the opportunity they enjoyed of seeing this charming Club, and their regret that they were unable personally to thank Miss Debenham for her kind hospitality.

The present addresses are required of Miss A. Rayner, late of Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport; Miss Rose A. L. Conway, and Mrs. Wakeling, members of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, as their notices of the annual meeting have been returned through the post—a small percentage, after all, out of 720 members.

## The Conference.

At three o'clock Miss Louisa Stevenson took the chair at 20, Hanover Square, at the Conjoint Conference convened by the Matrons' Council and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses on

#### STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES AS IT AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY.

Amongst those present were:—Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President International Council of Nurses; Miss Knight, Matron of the General Hospital; Lady Roberts-Austen, the Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, Miss Flora Stevenson, LL.D., Mrs. Carmichael Stopes, Vice-Presidents of the Society for State Registration; and Miss Richardson (Stockport), Miss Mollett (Southampton), Miss Poole (Blackburn), Miss Greenlaw (Newport), Miss Pearse (Hartshill), Miss Foley (Richmond), Miss Purvis (Middlesbrough), Miss Kinnear Adams (Glasgow), Local Hon. Secretaries.

The members of both societies concerned in the Conference, and other well-wishers, foregathered from north, south, east and west. There were Miss Heather Bigg (Charing Cross Hospital), Miss Payne (Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital), Miss Cox-Davies (New Hospital for Women), Miss Ross (Western Hospital, Fulham), Miss Fox (Tottenham Hospital), Miss Butler (Samaritan Free Hospital), Miss Shipley (Fulham Infirmary), Miss Bann (Brook Hospital), Miss Spencer (Alexandra Hospital), Miss Row (East London Children's Hospital), Miss Hadden (Metropolitan Nursing Association), Miss M'Caw (Her Majesty's Hospital, Stepney), Miss Thomas (Park Hospital), Miss Hannaford (Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum), Miss Oxford (Guy's Institution), Miss Ough (West Ham Hospital), Miss Marquardt (Camberwell Infirmary), Miss Morgan (Winchmore Hill), Miss Ambler Jones (South-Eastern Hospital), Miss Bushby (North-Eastern Hospital for Children), Miss Ramsden (St. Marylebone Infirmary), amongst London Matrons; also Miss Cartwright, Secretary Registered Nurses' Society; Miss A. J. Hobbs, Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association; Miss R. V. Gill, Secretary Workhouse Nursing Association; Miss Wilson, President Midwives' Institute; Miss Davies, London Association of Nurses; Miss Duke, West London Hospital; the Lady Hermione Blackwood, Mrs. Caiger, Mrs. Walter Spencer, and many others.

From further afield came Miss G. A. Rogers (Leicester), Mrs. Lockitt (Wimbledon), Miss J. A. Smith (Kingston), Miss Waind (Guildford), Miss Deane (Ipswich), Miss Campbell (Swanley), Miss Harrison (Southport), Miss Buckingham (Rotherham), Miss Bradshaw (Dublin), Miss Pell-Smith (Leicester), Miss Forrest and Miss Todd (Bourne-

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