

year's training in a minor training-school under the Poor Law—a recommendation which would not have been possible had a system of Registration been in force.

Miss Ross spoke of the danger to the public from specialists undertaking the nursing of serious cases of illness for which they had not been trained, and Miss H. L. Pearse gave instances from personal experience of the inefficient standard of experience demanded and of the sweating of nurses' labour by proprietary nurses' institutions. Mrs. Fenwick drew the attention of the Committee to the chaotic condition of nursing in Nursing Homes often run as financial speculations by untrained persons, or conducted on lines least calculated to benefit the patient.

The Committee gave a most courteous hearing to the deputation, and thanked them for the expert information placed at their disposal, and promised to urge the early appointment of a Select Committee to deal with the subject.

MEETINGS ATTENDED.

Upon the invitation of the Legislation Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, I attended a meeting on February 2nd, together with Miss Hobbs, Secretary to the Royal British Nurses' Association, and discussed with it the various clauses of our Draft Bill; the matter was accorded thorough consideration by this Committee.

By request, on Friday, March 4th, I attended a meeting convened for the purpose by the Women's National Liberal Association, and gave an address on State Registration of Trained Nurses, after which the audience expressed themselves much interested in the question, and promised to use their influence to further the movement.

MATRONS UNDER THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

Upon the invitation of Miss Ross, Matron of the Western Hospital, Fulham, a member of this Committee, a meeting was held on Thursday, March 3rd, of Matrons working under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, when a letter giving their reasons for supporting Registration, and petitioning the Board to use its influence with the Government in support of the movement to obtain the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the present condition of nursing, was adopted. This letter was ultimately signed by the twelve Matrons of hospitals under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and forwarded to the Board.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The following ladies have consented to become Vice-Presidents:—

Miss Elizabeth Fisher, Superintendent of Nurses, General Infirmary, Leeds.

Miss A. M. MacDonnell, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

Mrs. Kildare-Treacy, Lady Superintendent, City of Dublin Nursing Institution.

Miss I. M. FitzPatrick, Lady Superintendent, Adelaide Hospital, Dublin.

Miss S. E. Hampson, Lady Superintendent, Portobello House, Dublin.

Mrs. Charles Douglas, Member Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Miss E. Shaw Lefevre, Women's National Liberal Association.

AFFILIATION WITH THE N.U.W.W.

A letter has been received from the Secretary of the

National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, stating that our application for affiliation was considered by the Executive Committee on February 18th, and our request was granted.

DELEGATES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In reply to our invitation to the self-governing Leagues of Nurses, offering them representation on our Executive Committee, letters have been received from the Hon. Secretary, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, accepting office, and stating that Mrs. Hayward had been elected to represent the League; from the Hon. Secretary of the League of St. John's House Nurses, stating that Miss Laura Baker, Home Sister, Howard de Walden Home, had been elected; and from the Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council, intimating that Miss Ross, Matron of the Western Fever Hospital, has accepted a seat, and would represent the Council on our Executive Committee.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Upwards of 200 applications from Matrons and nurses for membership have been received in the past nine weeks, the majority of whom are eligible.

DONATIONS.

I have received £17 18s. 6d. in donations from friends, which includes £5 from Miss Louisa Stevenson, £5 from Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, and £3 3s. from a Well-wisher (through Miss Helen Todd).

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I have received £12 3s. in subscriptions, making a total of £30 1s. 6d.

E. G. FENWICK (Hon. Sec.).

The Report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Many letters were then considered, amongst them one from the President of the Medico-Psychological Association, from the Metropolitan Asylums Board, from the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, from the General Medical Council, from the Scottish Branch Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, from Miss Huxley (President, Irish Nurses' Association), from Mrs. Kildare-Treacy (Dublin), from Miss Honnor Morten (Asylum Workers' Association).

THE QUESTION OF LAY ASSOCIATES.

A letter was read from Mrs. Charles Greenwood, Vice-President, suggesting the desirability of making provision in the Constitution for the admission of Lay Associates to the Society, and it was agreed that a resolution should be placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting providing for the admission of members of the public as Associates—the subscription to be 5s. per annum.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A letter was read from the President, Miss Louisa Stevenson, leaving the Committee to appoint the date of the Annual Meeting in May, which she hoped to attend.

The arrangements for the meeting were then considered, and it was agreed that it should be held in London on May 13th, at 3 p.m.; that representative persons should be invited to address the mem-

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