

## The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held on Friday, January 27th, at 431, Oxford Street, W. In the unavoidable absence of the President and Vice-President, Miss Marquardt, Matron of the Camberwell Infirmary, took the chair.

After the minutes were approved, the Hon. Secretary said she felt sure the Committee would wish to express their sympathy with the President, Miss Louisa Stevenson, who had recently lost both a brother and sister by death. She begged, therefore, to propose the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Gower, and carried unanimously:—

“That the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desire to offer their sympathy to their President, Miss Louisa Stevenson, in her recent bereavement, and, further, to thank her for her most generous donation to the funds of the Society.”

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Quarterly Report from the Hon. Secretary contained much interesting information. She said largely-attended meetings had been held at Nottingham, Leicester, and Bournemouth, at which the subject of State Registration had been exhaustively dealt with; and at Leicester and Bournemouth important resolutions in favour of Registration had been unanimously passed, and were to be forwarded to the Select Committee on Nursing when re-appointed.

### EVIDENCE FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that experts had promised to offer evidence on the Nursing Question as it affected County Hospitals, Poor Law Infirmarys, Special Hospitals, Home Hospitals and Nursing Institutions, District Nursing, Private Nursing, and the General Public, in the United Kingdom; the *précis* of much of the evidence was well in hand.

Evidence as to the status of nurses and the reasons for, and effect of, State Registration in some of our colonies and the United States would also be available if the Select Committee desired such information.

### LETTERS.

Letters were read and discussed from the Treasurer and Clerk Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, informing the Hon. Sec. that at a recent meeting the managers had agreed to intimate their approval of the principle of State Registration of Trained Nurses.

From Miss Clifford, President National Union of Women Workers, expressing herself in favour of State Registration.

From Sir Victor Horsley, Chairman of the Repre-

sentative Meeting of the British Medical Association.

From Miss Roberts, enclosing a copy of a resolution in favour of the principle of State Registration passed by the Wimbledon District Medical Society.

From Miss Louisa Stevenson, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Miss C. Forrest (Bournemouth), Miss Pearse (Stoke-on-Trent), Miss Rogers (Leicester), &c.

From Miss E. Richardson, Matron Stockport Infirmary, resigning her position of Local Secretary at Stockport, owing to leaving the town.

From Mrs. Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals, New Zealand.

From Miss J. H. Milne, Matron General Hospital, Launceston.

### REPRESENTATIVE ON NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Hon. Sec. reported that Miss A. M. Edwards, Matron of the York County Hospital, had consented to represent the Society as their delegate on the National Council of Women which met at York in November, and that she had attended the meetings and voted in accordance with the wishes of the Committee on the important resolutions which had been discussed.

### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It was agreed that the Lady Victoria Campbell, Surgeon-General Evatt, C.B., and Miss Turner, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, be elected Vice-Presidents.

### THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial report showed that £26 12s. 11d. had been received during the quarter in donations and subscriptions, and that the expenditure had amounted to £24 17s. 6d. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the London hospitals which were represented on the Central Hospital Council for London, which was organising opposition to State Registration of Nurses, had taken power to defray the expenses of the Council—presumably with money subscribed for charitable purposes, in her opinion a most unjustifiable misappropriation of trust funds. The nurses, on the other hand, had to find the money to fight “might.” She reported that the President had most generously given £10 towards the working expenses, and urged those present to collect funds for the necessary expenditure. A generous response was made in the room, Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Gower, and Miss Roberts each promising £5, Miss Todd and Miss Marquardt £2, Miss Laura Baker £1, and Miss Barton £1. Other sums were also promised.

### NEW MEMBERS.

The following applications for membership were then approved:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
1325	Miss M. Walker, cert.	Crumpsall Inf.
1326	Miss S. Hayes,	Royal Inf., Edinburgh.

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