

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

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Offices, 431, Oxford Street, on Saturday the 29th inst. Miss Isla Stewart, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters of regret for unavoidable absence, were received from Miss Louisa Stevenson, President; Miss Helen Pearce, Miss Pauline Peter, Miss Laura Baker, Miss Mary Burr, Miss Ross, and Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D.

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Minutes having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, submitted the following Report:—

I beg to report that on July 27th, at a meeting held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, the Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association discussed the question of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and passed by 90 votes to 3 the following resolution:—

"That this meeting approves of the recommendation of the Parliamentary Select Committee that there should be State Registration of Nurses, and is of opinion that, on any central Council or Board appointed, the medical profession and the nursing profession should be adequately and directly represented."

The question had previously been referred to the Branches, and the delegates instructed how to vote, so that the medical support given to the principle of State Registration was emphatic.

The fact that the meeting supported the vital principle of Direct and Adequate Representation of the nurses on their own Governing Body was of the highest importance and most gratifying to the members of this Society who, in an official communication, specially asked for the consideration of the delegates on this most important point.

A letter has been received from the President, who, although unable to be present, takes the deepest interest in the work of the Society—enclosing two anonymous donations of £10 each. Most welcome gifts at this particular time, when the expensive work of organising a Petition to the Prime Minister is to be undertaken.

Miss Mary Burr has been good enough to accede to the request that she should act as Hon. Secretary in connection with the Petition.

It is with very deep regret that I have to report the sudden death of Miss Georgina Kinninmont, Matron of the West of England Eye Infirmary, at Exeter, by which the profession at large loses a most devoted member, and the Registration Cause an ardent supporter.

### RESOLUTIONS.

The Report having been adopted, a vote of thanks was passed to the anonymous benefactors to be forwarded to them through the President, and the following resolution, proposed by Mrs. Fenwick and seconded by Miss E. M. Roberts, was carried unanimously:—

"That the Executive Committee of the Society for

the State Registration of Trained Nurses have learned with the deepest regret of the death of Miss Georgina Kinninmont, Matron of West of England Eye Infirmary, Exeter, and a member of this Society, and desire to place on record their sense of the loss sustained by the Society in the death of a most warm supporter and fearless advocate of the cause of State Registration."

### NEW MEMBERS.

No.	Name.	Qualification.
1899.	Miss A. Graham,	cert. General Hosp., Hereford.
1900.	Miss A. L. Little,	cert. City and County Inf., Londonderry, Superintendent Carlisle District Nursing Association.
1901.	Miss M. A. Boden,	cert. Royal Inf., Manchester.
1902.	Miss Elsie S. Whitrod,	cert. Kingston Inf.
1903.	Miss A. B. Northcott,	cert. St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
1904.	Miss J. E. Borlase,	cert. General Inf., Leeds.
1905.	Mrs. Shuter,	cert. St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
1906.	Miss M. C. Day,	cert. St. Pancras Inf. (Queen's Nurse).
1907.	Miss M. E. C. Chambers,	cert. Mater Misericordia Hosp., Dublin, A.N.S.R.
1908.	Miss A. M. Milligan,	cert. Victoria Hosp., Glasgow, Matron Chalmers' Hosp., Edinburgh.
1909.	Miss F. M. Hollister,	cert. the Inf., Cardiff.
1910.	Miss S. Halliday,	cert. and Sister City Hosp., Edinburgh, tr. Roy. Inf., Edinburgh.
1911.	Miss M. S. O. Farquharson,	cert. London Temperance Hosp.
1912.	Miss M. J. A. Hannan,	cert. St. Vincent's Hosp. Dublin, Lady Supt. National Maternity Hosp., Dublin.
1913.	Miss M. E. Durie,	cert. St. Bartholomew's Hosp., Matron Lady Strangford Hosp., Port Said.

### THE PETITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

The draft Petition to the Prime Minister was then considered clause by clause, and provisionally adopted subject to legal advice.

The meeting then terminated.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, Hon. Secretary.

## The Nurses' Petition to the Prime Minister.

The Petition which is being organised by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, "humbly praying" that the Government will bring in a Bill to Register Trained Nurses, will be ready for signature at an early date, and all inquiries concerning it should be addressed to Miss Mary Burr, "Nurses' Petition," 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

In view of the work and expense entailed in organising a Petition of this kind, we invite all members of the Society to help: (1) By obtaining signatures of persons in favour of Registration to the Petition; (2) By inducing other nurses to join the Society; (3) By paying their subscriptions promptly if still due for the present year; (4) By obtaining special donations; and (5) By passing on to a friend any second copy of this Journal which may reach them, marking the article "Registration Up to Date."

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