

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

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at 481, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, December 18th, at 4 p.m. Miss Christina Forrest, President of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League, in the chair.

There were present Miss E. S. Haldane, Chairman Scottish Registration Committee, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent, L.C.C. School Nurses, Miss Marquardt, St. Giles' Infirmary, Miss H. Todd, Wandsworth Infirmary, Miss Smith, Kingston Infirmary, Miss Cartwright, Registered Nurses' Society, Miss M. Breay, Matrons' Council, and the Hon. Sec.

### THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

It was reported that the following ladies had accepted office as Vice-Presidents: The Lady Hermione Blackwood, President, Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association; Miss J. Cowper, Superintendent, Scottish Branch, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses; Miss J. A. Smith, President, Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss Christina Forrest, President, Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League; Miss E. M. Waind, Lady Superintendent, Galen House Nursing Institution, Guildford; Miss K. L. Burleigh, Lady Superintendent, Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children.

That the Central Hospital Council for London had drafted a Bill "To Provide for the Establishment of an Official Directory of Nurses," without consulting the class for whom they proposed to legislate.

That the Resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Matrons' Council, calling the attention of the Home Secretary to the case of Mrs. Christina Alexandra Gordon Stuart Price, a partially trained nurse, who was condemned at Nottingham "as an accomplished swindler" to a term of two years' imprisonment with hard labour, had been sent to the majority of the Cabinet Ministers, and that it had been courteously acknowledged by the Right Hon. the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Privy Council, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Secretary of State for India, the President of the Local Government Board, and the Secretary of State for the Home Department. The resolution urged the imperative necessity for the introduction by the

Government next Session of a Bill providing for State Registration of Nurses to protect the sick public from exploitation by unscrupulous criminals acting as trained nurses.

### SCOTTISH REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

It was reported that a strong Registration Committee had been formed for Scotland, of which Miss E. S. Haldane was chairman, and which included the Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Colonel Warburton, C.S.I. Medical Superintendent, and Miss Gill, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Miss Cowper, Q.V.J.I.N., Dr. Joseph Bell, Dr. Ker, and a number of eminent medical men and Matrons, with Miss K. L. Burleigh as Hon. Secretary.

### THE MOVEMENT IN IRELAND.

The members of the Irish Matrons' Association, and the Irish Nurses' Association, were reported to be actively interesting themselves in the registration movement.

### A PUBLIC MEETING.

It was decided that a large Public Meeting should be held in London early in February, in support of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and details of arrangement were discussed.

### THE DIRECTORY OF NURSES BILL.

The Bill promoted by the Central Hospital Council for London was then read, and discussed, the Committee being quite unanimous in condemning its provisions as useless to protect either trained nurses or the public from the present disorganised and dangerous conditions, and they were also strongly of opinion that no legislation for nurses should be projected without consultation with them.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS NIGHTINGALE, O.M.

The following resolution was proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and seconded by Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., and carried unanimously:

"The Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses begs to convey to Miss Florence Nightingale its warm congratulations on the recognition accorded to her genius by His Majesty the King in conferring on her the Order of Merit, and its sense of the dignity reflected upon her sex by the magnificent services which she has rendered to humanity."

### NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

- 2124. Miss Annie E. Hulme, Lady Supt., Nurses' Lodge, Colosseum Terrace, N.W.
- 2125. Miss S. Maiben, Cert., Charing Cross Hosp.
- 2126. Miss Emily K. Walker, Cert., Metropolitan Hosp.
- 2127. Miss Hilda G. Walker, Cert., Royal Free Hosp.
- 2128. Miss Ethel M. Walker, Cert., St. John's House.

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