

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

A Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Offices, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, November 27th, Miss Isla Stewart in the chair.

### THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary reported the progress made in connection with the Nurses' Registration Bill, which had since the last meeting of the Committee passed through all its stages in the House of Lords without dissent, and, in charge of Mr. Munro-Ferguson, had again been brought into the House of Commons.

A Petition, very influentially signed by women, lay and professional, had been sent to the Prime Minister, respectfully and earnestly appealing to the Government to give facilities for the consideration of the Bill in the House of Commons this Session, but, owing to the pledge given by the Government that no private members' Bills—which were not of a strictly non-contentious nature—should be starred this Session, it was improbable that the Petition would be granted. Under those circumstances, and, considering the very great amount of support promised from the members of all Parties in the House of Commons, every effort must be made to have the Bill made law next Session. Only a few weeks now intervened before Parliament would re-assemble, and the help of every individual member of the Society would be required to attain success. In the opinion of Parliamentary friends, it was considered that an enormous amount of progress had been made, by having the Bill exhaustively debated in the House of Lords, with the result that with the united support of Lord Crewe and Lord Lansdowne Lord Ampthill had been able to carry the Bill successfully through the House of Lords without a division.

The cost of propaganda had been considerable, £100 having been received and spent, largely in printing and postage. It was greatly to the credit of the members of the Society and the Leagues of Nurses working in connection with it, that they had not only subscribed the money, but individual members had also spent many midnight hours working ungrudgingly to meet every emergency—hours which could ill be spared from the necessary rest required in the busy lives of working women. Thus nearly all the clerical work had been done voluntarily and at no monetary cost.

The combined brain work and heart work put into the effort to obtain just legislation for the

protection of the sick, and justice for well-trained nurses, could not be paid for in hard cash. It was just one of those inestimable things which had not an equivalent, but which always compelled success sooner or later.

It was decided that a small sub-committee should meet early in the New Year to consider the question of finance, as it was estimated that another £100 would be required to meet the expenses of memorialising Parliament effectively before the Bill became law. £28 remained in hand.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL.

Amendments to the Bill, suggested by the Scottish Registration Committee, and also by the Board of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, were considered. Everyone was agreed that Scottish Nurses should have power to elect a representative on to the First Registration Council, as English Nurses had through the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and Irish Nurses through the Irish Nurses' Association. The Hon. Secretary was empowered to write to the Hon. Secretary of the Scottish Committee, and Miss E. S. Haldane, who was present, undertook to communicate the views of the Committee to the Royal Infirmary Board of Management.

### NEW MEMBERS.

A large number of applications for membership were received, and the following certificated nurses were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where trained.
2493	Miss M. Stapylton, cert.,	Lowestoft Hosp.
2494	Miss A. C. D. Lamb, Q.N., cert.,	Westminster Hosp.
2495	Miss A. M. Ware, cert.,	Brownlow Hill Inf.
2496	Miss M. Halpin, cert.,	St. George's-in-the-East Inf.
2497	Miss E. A. Gilbert, cert.,	Holborn Inf.
2498	Miss C. S. C. Henderson, cert.,	London Homœopathic Hosp.
2499	Miss G. Hall, cert.,	Chorlton Union Hosp.
2500	Miss C. J. Melvin, cert.,	Roy. Inf., Aberdeen.
2501	Miss A. McEnroe, cert.,	Dr. Stevens' Hosp., Dublin.
2502	Miss A. Henry, cert.,	Union Inf., Belfast.
2503	Miss N. O'Donoghue, cert.,	Sheffield Union Hosp.
2504	Miss E. S. Sills, cert.,	Gravesend Hosp.
2505	Miss E. Meade, cert.,	County and City Inf., Waterford.
2506	Miss E. McDonald, cert.,	Mill Road Inf., Liverpool.
2507	Miss J. C. Smith, cert.,	Barnhill Hosp., Glasgow.
2508	Miss A. P. Carruthers, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp., Matron, Sanatorium, Fettes College, Edinburgh.

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