

Registration Up-to-Date.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, January 29th, Miss Isla Stewart in the chair.

Letters were received from Miss E. S. Haldane, Miss Wade, Miss Sandford, Mrs. Shuter, Miss Forrest, Miss Musson, and Miss Ramsden.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the following ladies had consented to act as Vice-Presidents of the Society:—

The Lady Ampthill, Founder of Lady Ampthill's Nursing Institute, Madras.

The Dowager Lady Loch.

The Hon. Lady Lyttelton, Memb. Home Committee, Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association.

Lady Strachey, President, Women's Local Government Society.

Mrs. Edwin Gray, President, National Union of Women Workers.

Dr. Sophia Jex-Blake.

Mrs. J. Ramsay Macdonald, President, Women's Labour League.

Mrs. Alfred Emmott, Vice-Chairman, Legislation Committee, National Union of Women Workers.

Miss Emily Janes, Organising Secretary, National Union of Women Workers.

The Hon. Secretary had been in communication with Parliamentary advisers, and their replies would be submitted to the meeting. A synopsis of their advice, with a covering letter, had been sent to the Chairman of the Scottish Registration Committee, and to the Presidents of the Irish Nurses' Association, and the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association.

A "Memo" *re* Amendments to the Nurses' Registration Bill had also been sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Scottish Registration Committee.

The Presidents or Hon. Secretaries of all the Nurses' Leagues in favour of State Registration had recently been communicated with.

FINANCE.

Since the last meeting donations and subscriptions had amounted to £24 8s., but, to judge from the expenditure in printing and postage (organising and nearly all the clerical work was done voluntarily), at least £25 more would be required for special propaganda.

The Report was adopted.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

Advice to Supporters.

1. The Society for the State Registration of Nurses have been advised to have their Bill

brought into the House of Commons in the first instance next Session. It is, therefore, the duty of every supporter to communicate with the Member of Parliament in the constituency in which she resides, and to get as many male constituents *who have votes* to do likewise, to inform them of the exact position of Registration in relation to the House of Commons, House of Lords, and the Government, and to explain to them that the main object of the Bill is to set up a Statutory Council under the general control of the Privy Council, which will regulate the training and registration of nurses.

2. To ask Members of Parliament to ballot for the Nurses' Registration Bill to be introduced by Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, which is identical with that which passed its third reading in the House of Lords last session, with the support of the Leader of the House of Lords and of the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords.

3. That as many supporters have appealed to the office for help in drawing up resolutions for signature in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill, to be sent to Members of Parliament, the following Resolution was approved by the Executive Committee as a guide or for the use of such supporters:—

RESOLUTION.

We, the undersigned, cordially support the Nurses' Registration Bill introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., and earnestly petition the support of Members of Parliament for the following reasons.

1. Because a Select Committee of the House of Commons, after an exhaustive inquiry during two Sessions, reported to Parliament in 1905 that they were "agreed that it is desirable that a Register of Nurses should be kept by a central body appointed by the State."

2. Because, in the House of Lords, on November 10th, 1908, the Nurses' Registration Bill, presented by Lord Ampthill, which is again before Parliament, was read for a third time, and passed without a division having been taken at any stage.

3. Because, on the third reading of the Bill in the House of Lords, the Earl of Crewe, K.G., Leader of the House, stated that "His Majesty's Government were fully prepared to support the third reading," which had also the powerful support of the Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G., Leader of the Opposition.

4. Because the principle of State Registration has the approval of the organised Societies of Trained Nurses, of the General Medical Council, of the British Medical Association (a representative body of 20,000 medical practitioners), and of such important Societies as the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland (composed of thousands of women engaged in professional, industrial, social,

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