

be stultified by the registration of classes of imperfectly and narrowly trained nurses in sections.

For Private Nursing work, it was quite essential that a nurse should have practical training in a variety of special branches of nursing, which a general hospital was seldom in a position to provide. The private nurse who had no practical knowledge of fever nursing, gynæcology and obstetrics, the nursing of children, and massage, was ill prepared to carry out the treatment of the up-to-date medical practitioner.

The meeting also expressed itself in complete agreement with regard to expert representation for fever hospitals and nurses on the Council of Registration.

It was proposed by Miss H. L. Pearse, and seconded by Miss Mollett, that the Hon. Secretary be empowered to draft a reply addressed to the Council of the Fever Nurses' Association, expressing agreement and sympathy with the proposals embodied in the letter received.

#### THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

A letter was considered from the N.U.W.W., signed by the Countess of Aberdeen, as Provisional Convener of the Public Health Committee, and by Mrs. Edwin Gray, President of the Union, inviting the co-operation of the Society in the formation of a Sectional Committee to deal with questions affecting Public Health, more especially those which are connected with Women's Work, and asking that a representative should be appointed.

The following questions are among those suggested for immediate discussion:—

(1) The education of the people in all matters relating to health, by means of trained visitors, lectures, and the distribution of pamphlets.

(2) The co-operation of health visitors in the homes, with other agencies active in the prevention and cure of disease—e.g., the sanitary authorities, the hospitals, and the officers of health.

(3) The care of the mother before and after confinement.

(4) The prevention of infant mortality and disease.

(5) The seeking out for treatment of cases of ill-health and neglect among children under school age and others in the home.

(6) The care of school children referred for medical treatment, following medical inspection in the schools.

(7) The home treatment of consumptives and the after care of phthisic cases who have been in a sanatorium.

(8) The care of the aged.

(9) The care of the feeble-minded in the home.

It was proposed by Miss Sidney Browne, seconded by Miss Marquardt, that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be elected to represent the

Society.

Mrs. Fenwick accepted the nomination, as she considered it of mutual benefit to professional workers and other women that they should keep in touch and work in co-operation in all branches of public service.

#### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE PLEBISCITE.

The public spirited action of the Irish Nurses' Association in reference to the very questionable methods employed by the editor of an anti-registration newspaper to secure a plebiscite on Nurses' Registration was reported, and a course of action decided upon.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

	NAME.	WHERE TRAINED.
2668	Miss J. H. Foard, cert.,	Fulham Inf., Hammersmith.
2669	Miss L. A. Coulson, cert.,	Royal Inf., Manchester.
2670	Miss M. H. Young, cert.,	Kingston Inf.
2671	Miss A. M. White, trained	Addenbrooke's Hosp., Cambridge.
2672	Miss M. E. Clatworthy Wade, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2673	Miss W. H. Redmayne, cert.,	Mile End Inf. London, E.
2674	Miss A. L. Plumb, cert.,	Leicester Inf.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

Hon. Secretary.

#### WELCOME HELP.

We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

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Miss Marquardt ...	5	0	0
Miss E. M. Roberts ...	1	1	0
Miss Dempster, R.N.S. ...	0	5	0
Miss McCarthy, R.N.S. ...	0	5	0

#### METHODS OF THE OPPOSITION.

We should have taken but little notice of the so-called Plebiscite of Nurses on the Registration question, organised by the *Nursing Mirror*, were it not for the reprehensible attempt to incorporate in the results an issue not placed before the signatories in the voting papers sent out. Sir Henry Burdett has evidently discovered, what he might have known before, that many nurses are "by no means unfavourable to the principle of Nurse Registration." The "poll takers" are, therefore, now invited at the eleventh hour to record *whether the votes given on the question of Registration are for or against the Bill which passed the House of Lords last Session!* Votes have been recorded on a distinct issue "Yes" or "No" for and against registration, and to

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