

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The solidarity of nursing organisations on the question of State Registration of Nurses was evidenced at the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, which met in London in July. There were present at this meeting official delegates from the United Kingdom, Germany, the United States of America, Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Canada, and Hon. Vice-Presidents from France and Italy. All of these voted unanimously for the following Resolution, proposed by Mrs. Hampton Robb (U.S.A.), and seconded by Mrs. Hans Koch (Denmark).

"The International Council of Nurses desires again to record its earnest conviction that it is desirable, both in the interests of the professional status of trained nurses and of the public whom they serve, that provision should be made for their registration by the State, that such registration should be under the supervision of a central professional authority, and that admission to the register of those who have fulfilled the prescribed conditions as to training should be by the single portal of a State examination. The International Council of Nurses offers its most cordial congratulations to all trained nurses so registered."

REGISTRATION IN AMERICA.

Eight States of the American Union have passed Bills for the State Registration of Trained Nurses this year. They are Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Missouri.

REGISTRATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

A Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in New South Wales has been introduced into the Legislature by Dr. Mackellar, and has the support of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, as providing adequate representation on the Governing Board of the medical and nursing professions.

The Report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Dr. Valintine, Inspector-General of Hospitals, and Registrar of Nurses, New Zealand, in which he stated that "it is now eight years since the Bill for the State registration of nurses was passed, and yearly the training in the various hospitals has improved. The examinations, both written and practical, have been made more searching, and by the appointment of a Board of Examiners consisting of leading medical practitioners and nurses in the chief centres, for a term of years, more uniform."

A letter from Mr. Henry A. Lewis, A.C.I.S., Secretary of the London Association of Accountants, written on the suggestion of Lord Ampthill, was received asking that the Association should be included with other societies competent to audit, mentioned in Section 15, Sub-Section 3, of the Nurses' Registration Bill. It was proposed by Miss Sidney Browne, and seconded by Miss L. A. Morgan, "That the

London Association of Accountants be added to the societies of accountants named in the Bill of the Society."

This was carried unanimously.

HOW TO ADVANCE A REGISTRATION BILL.

A discussion took place on the means to be adopted for furthering a Bill for the State Registration of Nurses in Parliament next Session, and upon the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary it was decided to organise a standing Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, composed of delegates of societies supporting the movement, with the aim of deciding upon and supporting one Bill. The Hon. Secretary was empowered to carry out a line of preliminary organisation, and to report to the Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sir William Macewen, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., President, Scottish Nurses' Association, and Lady Simeon, were elected Vice-Presidents.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Miss E. M. Musson, President of the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League, was elected a member, subject to her consent to act.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
2698	Mrs. K. Kiero Watson (<i>née</i> Nisbet), R.R.C., cert., King's College Hosp.	
2699	Miss E. Leggatt, cert., King's College Hosp.	
2700	Miss E. Hardwicke, cert., General Hosp., Birmingham.	
2701	Miss E. A. Macdonald, cert., Great Northern Central Hosp.	
2702	Miss F. E. Richards, cert., District Inf., Ash-ton-under-Lyne.	
2703	Miss M. Shedd, cert., Cheltenham Gen. Hosp.	
2704	Miss N. M. Macdonald, cert., Royal Inf., Glasgow.	
2705	Miss J. Goulder, cert., Great Northern Central Hosp.	
2706	Miss L. M. Vernal, cert., Westminster Hosp.	
2707	Miss F. E. Manfield, cert., North Stafford Inf.	
2708	Miss M. S. Hurl, cert., Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon.	
2709	Miss J. Galbraith, cert., Royal Inf., Glasgow	
2710	Miss K. A. Smith, cert., Royal Hants County Hosp.	
2711	Miss I. M. Callaghan, cert., St. Bartholomew's Hosp.	
2712	Miss M. Menard, cert., Great Northern Central Hosp.	
2713	Miss L. S. Hollings, cert., Charing Cross Hosp.	
2714	Miss R. C. M. Reid, cert., St. Thomas's Hosp. Matron, The Hospital, St. Andrew's, Fife.	
2715	Miss I. L. Smith, cert., London Homoeopathic Hosp.	

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