

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, Nov. 26th, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Vice-President, in the chair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, letters were reported from Ella, Lady Simeon, and Sir William Macewen, F.R.C.S., LL.D., accepting nomination as Vice-Presidents, from Miss E. M. Musson, accepting nomination to the Executive Committee, as President of the General Hospital, Birmingham Nurses' League, from Mr. Henry A. G. Lewis, of the London Association of Accountants, and from Dr. F. Poord Caiger.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Secretary, reported that only £12 5s. 2d. remained in the Bank, a large printing account having been paid, and although there was a good supply of leaflets, etc., in hand, it was necessary that £100 should be raised through the co-operation of the members, and otherwise, for the purpose of financing election propaganda, and legislation in the forthcoming Session in Parliament. Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that in their fight for just conditions of education and work, and for legal status, nurses had already spent several thousand pounds, and this expenditure was especially hard as the reforms they were advocating were not for themselves alone but for the great benefit of the community at large. The governors of the powerful hospitals opposed to Registration had taken power to finance their opposition with money given for the benefit of the sick poor, which it was the duty of the King's Hospital Fund to prevent. The report was adopted, and it was agreed that collecting cards should be issued to such members as were willing to collect sums of 10s., £1, and £5.

THE CENTRAL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Right Hon. the Lord Ampthill, G.C.I.E., had expressed his willingness to accede to the wishes of the members of several societies in favour of State Registration to form a Central Registration Committee of delegates from all the societies known to be in favour of the principle of registration, and that Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., also approved the suggestion that such a Central Committee should try to agree upon one Bill—and give it united support next Session. The majority of the societies invited had warmly approved the suggestion and several had appointed their delegates.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

The following five delegates were elected to represent the Society: Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss M. Breay, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Secretary.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' SOCIETY.

A letter was received from Mr. P. Hamilton Robertson, M.B., Acting Secretary of the Scottish Nurses' Association, informing the Society of the following resolution passed at its recent annual meeting:—

"That this meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association record its determination to oppose separate legislation for the State Registration of Nurses in Scotland, on the ground that such legislation would prove harmful to the interests of Scottish nurses both at home and abroad; that the Association cordially approves of the efforts of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, to draw up one Bill for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland based on the following principles: That under a single portal system nurses be admitted to the register only after (a) a three years' course of training with a definite curriculum prescribed by a Central Nursing Council, conducted in recognised hospital nursing schools; (b) after having passed a uniform examination conducted by examiners appointed by, and under the supervision of, the Central Nursing Council at suitable centres throughout the United Kingdom."

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

Consideration was then given to a Statement issued in pamphlet form by the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to forward a copy of it to Lord Inverclyde, President of the Association:—

"That the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses observes with regret that a pamphlet has been authorised, and widely circulated, by the Association for Promoting the Registration of Nurses in Scotland, which is both inaccurate and misleading in its references to the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, promoted by this Society, and passed in 1908 by the House of Lords.

"It is therefore determined that such inaccuracies be brought to the notice of Lord Inverclyde, President of the said Association in Scotland, inviting him to give instructions that such inaccuracies and incorrect inferences be omitted in the future from printed matter supplied by his Association, purporting to inform Scottish nurses on the registration question."

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were then elected:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
2759	Miss E. E. Beattie, cert.,	Wellington Hosp., New Zealand.

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