

lege of Physicians) seconded, "that the meeting approve of the action of the Executive Committee, including the action of the Delegates to the various conferences."

Dr. McKenzie Johnston proposed, and Sir Alexander Simpson seconded, "that it be remitted to the Executive Committee to watch the progress of the united Bill, with a view to safeguarding the interests of Scottish nurses, and to securing that the Scottish Committee provided for in the Bill be of an adequately representative character."

Miss Gill, Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, moved a resolution setting forth that State Registration would be to the advantage of every nurse, and urging upon all nurses the desirability of joining the Association, and of helping on its interests by getting others to join, and thus proving that the nurses themselves were really behind the Bill. Miss Gill stated that the help which the Association had received from medical men was very great.

Miss Thomas (Matron of City Hospital) seconded the motion.

All the motions were unanimously adopted by those present.

The office bearers and Executive Committee were re-elected.

Dr. Affleck moved a vote of thanks to Lord Inverclyde for presiding at the meeting, and also for the very warm interest he had taken in the matter ever since the formation of the Association.

Tea was served at the close of the meeting, on the kind invitation of Dr. Affleck.

Scottish Matrons' Association.

At a meeting held in Edinburgh on March 3rd, at which a large number of Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses were present, the Scottish Matrons' Association was formally constituted. Glasgow was well represented at the meeting, and there were present, beside the Edinburgh members, Matrons from Dumfries, Perth, Stirling, Leith, Falkirk, Airdrie, Hawick, Motherwell, Rothesay, Melrose, and Musselburgh. The Association starts with a membership of 87.

It was unanimously agreed that the name of the Association should be "The Scottish Matrons' Association." The objects of the Association and the rules were discussed and approved, and the officers for the year appointed. The officers appointed are as follows:

President.—Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., Edinburgh.

Vice-Presidents.—Miss Cowper, Superinten-

dent, Scottish Branch Q.V.J.N.I.; Miss Duff, Dundee; Miss Macnaughton, Aberdeen; Miss Melrose, Glasgow; Miss Gregory Smith, Glasgow.

Council.—Miss Wise, Edinburgh; Miss Gordon, Dumfries; Miss Philp, Inverness; and Miss Glendinning, Falkirk.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Graham, 15, Alva Street, Edinburgh.

Hon. Treasurer.—Miss Thomas, City Hospital, Edinburgh.

Owing to the distance of the various localities represented by the Association, it was considered advisable to have several Vice-Presidents.

Matrons desirous of joining the Association should apply to the Hon. Secretary, who will supply them with all information, and bring their names before the first general meeting of the Society for election.

Progress of State Registration.

STATE REGISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

In continuation of the letters received by Miss L. L. Dock as to the effect of State Registration of Nurses in the United States, we publish this week one from the President of the Board of Nurse Examiners in New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Board of Nurse Examiners, State of New Hampshire.

MY DEAR MISS DOCK,—The time for granting a licence to a nurse without examination does not expire until March 7th, 1910; consequently the standard for the schools of the State has not been as yet definitely announced.

A list of the requirements for registration of hospitals has been sent to every hospital in the State having a training school. If these suggested requirements are adopted as the real standard, every hospital in the State will need to affiliate with some hospital outside of the State, in order to complete its course, and practically every hospital has signified its willingness to not only do that, but to arrange its course so as to come up to this standard that has been brought before them.

Three of the hospitals are now sending their nurses out of the State for experience that they cannot get in their own wards; one other has arranged to send its nurses outside the State as soon as the class is ready; and another hospital has added a diet kitchen, where the nurses can take their instruction.

To my mind, there is no doubt about the value of the Registration law. The outlook is very cheerful indeed in New Hampshire, and, as I am constantly reminding the members of the Board of Examiners, if any failure occurs it will not be because of the undesirability of the law, but because we have not spent enough time in carrying out its provisions.

Sincerely yours,

B. M. TRUMBULL, *President*.

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