

THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Secretary, was invited to accept nomination as President, as it was of the utmost importance that the position should be filled by a tried and loyal friend, who was well acquainted with the history of the movement. Mrs. Fenwick accepted the honour, hoping that the work of the Society in the Registration cause would before long be accomplished by the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill. She promised to continue to work without ceasing for justice for trained nurses whatever her official position in the Society might be.

THE OFFICE OF HON. SECRETARY.

Miss M. Breay, another tried friend, was then nominated for the post of Hon. Secretary. Miss Breay accepted nomination, as she considered it of the utmost importance that whatever work had been done in the past should be now carried on with redoubled energy in the future.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were then elected:—

No.	Name.	Certificate.
2814	E. C. Marston, cert.,	Great Northern Cent. Hosp.
2815	R. White, cert.,	St. Pancras Inf., Highgate.
2816	E. Gisby, cert.,	Grimshy and District Hosp.
2817	M. McIntosh, cert.,	Barnhill Hosp., Glasgow.
2818	A. B. Hendley, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.; Matron, Children's Hosp.; Scio House, Shanklin.
2819	L. M. Stover, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2820	G. A. Wharton, cert.,	Bradford Union Hosp.
2821	W. E. Farley, cert.,	North West London Hosp.
2822	A. S. Wood, cert.,	Gravesend Hosp.
2823	M. B. Bathgate, cert.,	Kingston Inf.
2824	J. B. M. Deacon, cert.,	Kingston Inf.
2825	M. Jarvis, cert.,	St. Thomas' Hosp.
2826	M. A. Norrish, cert.,	Royal Inf., Bristol.
2827	A. F. Youngjohns, cert.,	General Hosp., Birmingham.
2828	A. King, cert.,	King's College Hosp.
2829	M. E. Bonshor, cert.,	Royal South Hants Hosp.
2830	M. M. Donovan, cert.,	Royal South Hants Hosp.
2831	E. R. Tanner, cert.,	Mile End Inf.
2832	E. B. Davys, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2833	J. M. G. Davy, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2834	E. G. Clowes, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2835	V. Hubbard, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2836	M. Devereux, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2837	C. Maney, cert.,	General Inf., Leeds.

The meeting then terminated.

ETHEL G. FENWICK, Hon. Sec.

Amongst the suggestions for Poor Law Reform adopted by the Council of the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture last week was one that the title "guardians" should be continued, but "district home" should be substituted for "workhouse." A commendable change.

The £100 Registration Fund.

The Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses begs to thank all those earnest friends of the cause for their help, and to announce that as the £100 required for furthering the passage of the Nurses' Registration Bill through the House of Commons has by their generosity been received, the Special Registration Fund is now closed. The Hon. Secretary would not, however, discourage registrants from subscribing towards the general purposes of the Society. Nothing can be done without money, and a fight against vested interests for any class of women workers is specially costly, especially when their opponents are permitted to tap charitable funds, of which they are the trustees, in their campaign of obstruction.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	98	6	8
"L. B."	2	2	0
Mrs. Andrews (to complete £100)... ..	1	13	4
Miss A. Warren, R.N.S.	5	0	
Per Miss E. M. Sixsmith (Dublin)			
Dr. Lawler	1	0	0
Dr. King	5	0	
Robert Taylor, Esq.	5	0	
T. W. Sixsmith, Esq.	5	0	
J. S. Darlington, Esq.	5	0	
		2	0
Total	£104	7	0

Practical Points.

The Electric Stethoscope.

Mr. S. G. Brown explained last week, in a lecture at the Royal Society of Arts, before the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the working of an electric stethoscope, which raises the intensity of the sounds within the human body twenty times and more. When the instrument had been applied to the heart in a number of cases, the lecturer said, the sound of the beats given out in the telephone was so loud as to be heard by the patient and all those who stood round, and the passage of air through the lungs was heard like the roar of the wind through a forest; it is believed that sounds in the body hitherto only suspected will now be readily heard, such as the passage of blood over a surface roughened by disease.

The Cheap Steriliser.

The Nurses' Social Union recently demonstrated at Caxton Hall that an ordinary beer can (which can be bought at any public-house for twopence) makes an excellent steriliser for instruments, or for boiling water for a douche and other purposes.

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