

work, and what you gain will not only benefit your own profession, for improved status cannot be gained by one set of workers without the benefit being extended to those in other branches.

In Miss Stewart's country it used to be the custom to raise a cairn on the mountain side in memory of the dead. Every friend of the deceased person brought a stone, until at last the cairn was raised high and stood out as a landmark, a noble and lasting monument.

Each one can do something to help on the work for State Registration, which she had so much at heart, to import into it her big-heartedness, and wide sympathy, and so raise a lasting memorial to the leader whom we mourn to-day.

RESOLUTION.

Miss Heather Bigg, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, then moved the following resolution:—

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to place on record its profound sorrow at the death of its President, Miss Isla Stewart.

The nursing profession has been deprived of a most inspiring and courageous leader, and has suffered an irreparable loss, by the death of one of its most brilliant members.

Miss Stewart's efforts for the advancement of nursing education and organisation were unceasing, her mental endowments, and generous breadth of character of the highest order, and her death removes from our ranks a splendid example of noble womanhood.

Resolved that we tender to the nursing staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

It was seconded by Miss L. V. Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, who said she regarded it as a privilege to second the resolution recording the Society's sense of the irreparable loss it has sustained by the death of its President.

The resolution was passed in silence by the meeting, everyone in the room standing.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Secretary, then said that our loss in this country had been deeply deplored by our colleagues in America, and they also had by the death of Mrs. Hampton Robb, through a sad accident, lost a very dear leader and friend. The Executive Committee had, on behalf of the members, expressed their grief and sorrow to the members of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and she had received the following letter from Miss M. Helena Macmillan, R.N., Hon. Secretary:—

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

The American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses has instructed me to return most grateful thanks to the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses for its expression of sorrow and sympathy with us in our great loss.

Will you be so good as to convey to your Society our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation of its message of sympathy.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

M. H. McMILLAN,

Secretary.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Mrs. Fenwick then presented the Annual Report, which recorded that 128 new members had joined the Society during the past year, making a total of 2,844 since it was formed, and further, that the two Scottish Associations and the Irish Nurses' Association were also working actively for the same end. The most important events referred to were the formation of the Central Registration Committee, and the introduction of a Nurses' Registration Bill with the support of all the Societies represented upon it into the House of Commons.

The Fund opened by the Executive Committee on November 26th, with the object of raising £100, had met with gratifying support, and £105 17s. had been contributed to it.

The audited accounts showed a balance in hand of £49 4s. 10d.

THE ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was then unanimously elected President of the Society, on the proposition of Mrs. Walter Spencer, seconded by Miss L. A. Morgan; and Miss M. Breay Hon. Secretary, on the proposition of Miss Beatrice Kent, seconded by Miss Barton.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee was re-elected, Miss Elinor Pell Smith being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss M. Helena Sherlock, delegate of the Leicester Nurses' League, to whom a special vote of thanks was passed.

The following ladies were added to the Committee:—Miss Elma Smith, President, Hendon Branch, and Miss C. B. Leigh, President, Cleveland Street Branch, Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League; Miss M. Wright, Matron, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, and Miss A. Carson Rae, Secretary, Irish Nurses' Association.

RESOLUTION.

The following Emergency Resolution was then moved by Miss H. L. Pearse:—

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to direct the attention of the public, and of Parliament, to the injury done to well-trained and reputable nurses, and nursing homes, by the exploitation of their professional uniform, and of bogus nursing and massage homes, for criminal and vicious purposes.

This Society calls upon the Government to give facilities, without delay, for the passing of a Nurses' Registration Bill, and upon Local Authorities to provide for the inspection and registration of Nursing Homes—a provision which would be welcomed by Homes of reputable standing—in order that the members of an indispensable and honourable profession may be dissociated in the public mind from criminals and prostitutes.

Miss Pearse said that there was no doubt whatever that the evil referred to in the resolution was a crying one, of which most nurses were aware. The remedy was State Registration of Trained Nurses, and inspection and supervision of nursing homes. The genuine homes would cordially welcome inspection, and the other kind would have

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