

the interests of the public and the nursing profession. Over 2,000 nurses were members of the Association and 234 had been added this year.

Professor Glaister, in moving the adoption of the reports, said Mr. Munro Ferguson, M.P., had again consented to present the Bill. They wanted to keep their ranks closed meantime. He believed the movement would soon be completed.

Miss Gill, Lady Superintendent, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, who seconded, made an appeal to nurses to support the Association.

The reports were adopted.

The Executive were re-appointed to watch the progress of the Bill, on the motion of Dr. Bramwell; and to the Chairman, Dr. Mackintosh, and Professor Glaister votes of thanks were moved by Dr. Affleck.

After the meeting the visitors and nurses, numbering 200, were entertained to tea in the Nurses' Dining Room by the kind hospitality of Dr. Affleck, after which detachments of visitors were taken round the Hospital, Nurses' Home, and kitchen, and much appreciation was expressed.

Special arrangements having been made for the Glasgow nurses, about 60 availed themselves of the reduced railway fare to visit the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

The Nurses' Registration Bill.

The Right Hon. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., introduced the Nurses' Registration Bill—drafted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses—into the House of Commons on Monday, the 27th ult.

The Bill has received the support of Members of all parties and nationalities in the House and is backed by Sir James P. Gibson, Bart., Sir Luke White, Dr. Addison, Dr. Rainy, and Mr. Annan Bryce (Liberals), Viscount Morpeth, the Right Hon. Charles Scott Dickson, K.C., Mr. Remnant, and Mr. George Younger (Unionists), Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald (Labour), and Mr. Field (Nationalist).

The Bill has the support of the eight influential societies of medical practitioners and trained nurses affiliated together in the Central Committee, with Lord Ampthill as Chairman.

League News.

AT CHELSEA.

The Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League had a most successful social meeting on Tuesday in last week, at which several former members of the nursing staff were present. Archdeacon Bevan read a most interesting paper on the subject of "Our Northern Forefathers," which was greatly appreciated by all present. The lovely bannerette of the League, by which it was represented in the Nursing Pageant on

February 18th, which was on view, was a great feature, and was much admired.

AT BOURNEMOUTH.

A Sale of Work in aid of the funds of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League was opened at the Havergal Hall, Bournemouth, last week, the Mayoress, Mrs. C. Hunt, being amongst those present. In the absence of the Mayor (Alderman C. Hunt), who had hoped to be present at the sale, the Rev. S. C. Lowry, who presided, expressed his pleasure at furthering so good a cause, and spoke of the incalculable debt owed by the public to the nurses of Bournemouth and other places for their help in sickness. He said that the Sale of Work was held for the purpose of supplementing a self help movement amongst nurses—for the support of a nurses' sick and invalidity fund, which had had some heavy drains upon it in the past year.

Mrs. Robert Thomson, in opening the Sale, also said that the public could never repay the debt they owed to trained nurses. The courage shown by soldiers, sailors, policemen, firemen, and others who freely risked their lives, was recognised, but little was said about the unflinching heroism of nurses who spent years of their lives in giving devoted attention to patients who were often suffering from repulsive, trying, or highly infectious diseases. The Sick Fund represented a spirited and plucky determination of the nurses to maintain their independence in times of illness and suffering. The nurses and their friends must have worked hard, for the result of one day's sale was £140, and the expenses will be under £8.

AT CLEVELAND STREET INFIRMARY.

A very pleasant At Home was held in connection with the Cleveland Street Branch of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League at 42a, Cleveland Street, W., on Saturday last. Mrs. Roff Hooper brought friends who sang and recited. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, who gave so much pleasure in "Sweet Lavender" at Christmas, also contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment, Miss Hathaway (Sweet Lavender) recited, and the gramophone once more made a welcome appearance. Miss Elma Smith, Matron, and Miss Trueman, Assistant Matron, with a number of nurses from Hendon, were present, as well as former members of the staff, some of whom had not met for over ten years. The beautiful banner of the League, which is of handsome cream brocade, on which the badge of the League is worked was greatly admired. The President of the League, Miss C. B. Leigh, is to be congratulated on a very successful afternoon.

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