

some hundreds of other applications to be considered, and others are still steadily coming in, not only from the United Kingdom, but also from the Colonies. Attention is called to the fact that the period of grace has now expired, and that in future only fully-Trained Nurses can make application. The Committee deeply regret to notice that a considerable number of Members of the Association have misunderstood the position, and imagine that membership of a professional union is synonymous with enrolment upon a public Register. At considerable expense two notices of the facts have been sent to these Members, so the Executive Committee can do no more in the matter.

"(4) Miss Wood has kindly undertaken the whole trouble of arranging for the Annual Meeting at Birmingham, and the Committee hope that a most successful gathering will take place on August 1, as the Meeting will be held contemporaneously with that of the British Medical Association.

"(5) The Association has been, as its Roll of Members and its financial statement conclusively prove, most successful. But, with its small subscriptions, it can do no more than it is doing now. The Executive Committee is prepared to commence the Pension Fund and Benevolent Fund, and would be glad to issue a Quarterly Report or Journal instead of an Annual Report; to undertake and carry out other schemes much needed by Nurses. It therefore proposes that all future Nurse Members shall pay an annual subscription of five shillings, or a life subscription of two guineas; Medical men a life subscription of one guinea. And the Association is now so firmly established that it is felt that this can be well recommended."

Dr. Wynn Westcott asked if the time of grace for free Registration would be extended to those who lived in the colonies?

The Chairman replied that so long as the application for Registration was posted on or before June 30 the applicant would be entitled to free Registration.

The first four paragraphs having been adopted *nem. con.*,

Miss Wood said that she wished to propose, that "For the future the annual subscription for Nurse Members shall be five shillings, and the life subscription two guineas, and that Medical men who were good enough to join the Association should be eligible for life membership on payment of one guinea." The proposal had been very carefully discussed by the Executive Committee, and it was thought that this course would be advisable for many reasons.

Dr. Gage Brown said that while he quite

agreed with Miss Wood that the subscriptions should be raised, he thought that by-and-by Nurses who paid five shillings would grumble that they should get no more benefit than those who only paid half-a-crown, and this might create a feeling of dissatisfaction.

Dr. Wynn Westcott said that it was surely within the power of a society to raise the annual fee for Members; and it was a thing of frequent occurrence in the London clubs, and he would like to move as an amendment that the alteration should apply to *all* Members, present as well as future.

Dr. Fenwick said that as the earlier Members had helped to place the Association on a firm basis they were entitled to some consideration, and they had joined on the understanding that the annual fee would be only half-a-crown.

The Chairman remarked that in clubs, &c., the original members were in nearly all cases elected without an entrance fee, or on smaller subscriptions, though entitled to the same consideration and advantages as those who joined later, and had to pay more for the privilege.

No Member seconding Dr. Wynn Westcott's amendment, he asked leave to withdraw it.

Dr. Gage Brown seconded Miss Wood's proposal, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Miss Wood then said that with regard to the report proposed by the Executive Committee, she had been about a good deal and found that nearly all Members and others were strongly in favour of the Association having a journal of its own, and she thought it would do a deal towards strengthening the cause in the country, as their Members would be able to read all about what had been done and what is going to be done, when they were quite unable to attend the meetings and hear for themselves.

Dr. Gage Brown said that, as all associations and societies now had their own journals, he felt that Miss Wood was thoroughly justified in proposing such a journal for this Association, and he had no doubt that when once started it would soon become a decided success.

Considerable discussion followed, and finally it was proposed by Miss Wood and seconded by Miss Stewart, and was carried unanimously, "That the Association shall in future issue a quarterly journal, free to its Members, containing a full report of all its proceedings and such other matter as the Executive Committee shall consider necessary."

Dr. Fenwick then moved that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted and entered on the minutes.

This was seconded by Miss Homersham and carried unanimously.

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