

NEW MEMBERS.

The following ladies were then elected members of the Council: Miss Isabel M. Callaghan, Matron Taunton and Somerset Hospital;

Miss Edyth Hardwicke, Matron St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, London, E.C.;

Miss Kathleen Smith, Matron West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone;

Miss Violetta Thurstan, Superintendent West Riding Nursing Association, St. Hilda's, Leeds.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's report—showing a balance in hand of £14 15s. 2d.—was then read and approved.

The Hon. Secretary then presented her report, which was accepted as read, and directed to be printed.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss Haughton, Miss Musson, and Miss Rogers, Vice-Presidents, who retired by rotation, were then re-elected; and Miss Elma Smith was elected in the place of Miss Mollett, who also retired and did not present herself for re-election.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Spencer, and the Hon. Secretary, Miss Mollett, were re-elected.

THE BANNER.

The design for a banner was then considered and approved, at the cost of £8 17s. 6d.

The design, which consisted of the Matrons' Council Badge and Motto, was to be carried out in raised embroidery in gold, with a dark blue centre, with crimson lettering on a white satin ground, handsomely mounted, corded, and fringed, with pole attached.

REPRESENTATION ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers with regard to the alterations in the Constitution of that body, to which the Matrons' Council is affiliated. The business meeting then closed.

At 5.15 p.m. an open meeting was held, at which Dr. Helen Boyle gave a most interesting and highly appreciated address on Mental Nursing.

M. MOLLETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

We shall publish Dr. Helen Boyle's Address next week.

Between the Meeting and the Address a very pleasant half-hour of social intercourse was spent over the teacups, kindly arranged by Sister Cartwright, R.N.S.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES 1915 MEETING.

As nurses from various parts of the world are already making enquiries concerning the arrangements for the Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and its International Congress, to be held at San Francisco in 1915, we would inform our correspondents that all official information will be issued in due time through this Journal, direct from Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the I.C.N. The National Council of Nurses will not begin active preparations in this country for the Meeting until next year. It is very probable that early June, 1915, will be agreed upon for the San Francisco Triennial.

The important bit of work immediately on hand is to make successful the National Council Conference, to be held in Dublin in the coming June. For this we want all the interest and all the new ideas the members of the Council have to contribute. Suggestions will be most gratefully considered by the Conference Committee, both in London and Dublin.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

FREE SPEECH FOR NURSES.

A copy of the Resolution demanding freedom of conscience and of speech for nurses in public institutions on their own professional affairs, passed by members of the above Society on the 23rd ult., has been forwarded to the Committee of Treasurer and Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has been acknowledged.

The following letter has been sent to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet, enclosing a copy of the Resolution:—

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

431, Oxford Street, W.,

January 30th, 1913.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, on behalf of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the copy of a resolution carried unanimously at a Special Meeting of the Society held in London on January 23rd.

My Society earnestly pleads that effect may be given by His Majesty's Government, without delay, to the recommendation of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Nurses' Registration, 1905, "that it is desirable that a Register of Nurses should be kept by a Central

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