

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF TRAINED NURSES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Business Meeting of members was held in Aberdeen on Saturday, November 1st. The President, Miss Alexander, Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, was in the Chair.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Stevenson, submitted the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, both of which were considered satisfactory and unanimously adopted.

The Report stated that in connection with the National Insurance Act there is still cause for anxiety, while the Act regulates the qualifications of medical practitioners and midwives employed under it, no minimum standard of efficiency has been defined for nurses who may be employed by the Local Health Committees. The position of the trained nurse is, therefore, insecure, while the insured sick have no guarantee that the services of the most ignorant and unsuitable persons will not be forced upon them in the capacity of nurses.

The progress of the Bill now before Parliament for the State Registration of Trained Nurses has been slow, but with the united support of the British Medical Association representing the medical profession, and every organisation of trained nurses in the United Kingdom, unreasoning and unreasonable opposition is giving way.

Steps have been taken for the provision of a prize, in the form of a medal, to be known as "The Scottish Society of Trained Nurses' 'Nightingale' Prize," the competition to be open to nurses who have completed their training, and who have afterwards worked as nurses for at least one year. While offering thanks to generous donors outside the nursing profession who have contributed towards the fund, it should be stated that a number of members of the Society responded readily to the appeal for funds, and have shown keen enthusiasm in the scheme.

The year began, and ended (as shown by the financial statement) with a small balance in hand. The general fund of the Society had been raised entirely within its membership. Meantime, it is obvious that no nurses' organisation can perform its duty towards its members, and at the same time accumulate funds.

The need for the formation of the Society continues to be proved by the support which it has received, and it is hoped that in the ensuing year many nurses will avail themselves of the advantages of an Association of nurses which is strictly professional in its aims, non-party-political in character, and non-provincial in composition.

The following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this meeting of members of the Scottish Society of Trained Nurses supports the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses now before Parliament, and further resolves

that the passing of an Act is of importance not only in the interests of trained nurses but for the protection of the public against inefficiency and imposition."

The office-bearers were re-elected, and two vacancies on the Council, caused by members going to the Colonies were filled by the election of Miss Rennie and Miss Smith.

Honorary Examiners for the "Nightingale Prize" were elected subject to their consent to act.

THE COOKERY AND FOOD EXHIBITION.

At the Universal Cookery and Food Exhibition, held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, last week, Section III of the Domestic Cookery Group was devoted to Invalid Cookery.

Class 38. Open only to certificated nurses (a) In London Hospitals and Infirmarys. (b) In Suburban and Provincial Hospitals and Infirmarys.

Class 39. Open to all except trained nurses.

Class 39 (Group B.) Private Nurses.

Class 40. Open to Army Cooks.

Class 41. Open to members of the British Red Cross Society.

Class 42. For Vegetarians.

The successful candidates were:—

IN LONDON HOSPITALS AND INFIRMARIES.

Gold Medal.—Miss R. Rainbow, St. Thomas' Hosp.

Silver Medal.—Miss Fletcher and Miss Strutt, Guy's Hosp.; Miss H. Keyes, Westminster Hosp.; Miss A. K. Last, St. Thomas' Hosp.; Miss N. Murby, Charing Cross Hosp.

Bronze Medal.—Miss Hook, Guy's Hosp.; Miss E. G. Jennings, St. Thomas' Hosp.

Certificate of Merit.—Miss H. M. Cox, St. Thomas' Hosp.; Miss E. M. Harlow and Miss E. O'Reilly, Westminster Hosp.; Miss N. Harvey, Charing Cross Hosp.; Miss Sadlier, Guy's Hosp.

IN SUBURBAN AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS AND INFIRMARIES.

Gold Medal.—Miss A. E. Kynastin, City of London Inf., Lower Clapton.

Silver Medal.—Miss E. L. Anderson, North Evington Inf.; Miss I. H. Cropper, City of London Inf.; Miss K. McLeod, Bethnal Green Inf.; Miss M. R. Puplett, West Ham Inf.

Bronze Medal.—Miss S. Butler, North Evington Inf.; Miss Agnes Ewins, City of London Inf.; Miss G. Elsdon, West Ham Inf.

Certificate of Merit.—Miss A. L. Bailey, West Ham Inf.; Miss F. Brazier and Miss F. M. Logie, Bethnal Green Inf.; Miss E. A. Edwards and Miss R. McLoughlin, St. George's-in-the-East Inf.; Miss E. M. Thornton, North Evington Inf.

Miss A. E. Kynastin, who obtained the Gold Medal in this section, chose as her exhibit beef tea, roast quail, with bread sauce, and fried bread crumbs, custard, and lemonade, excellently

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