

Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Dr. Marr, Commissioner of Lunacy; Dr. Renton, Glasgow; Miss Melrose, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Gregory Smith, Matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Gill, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; and Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, M.V.O., Hon. Secretary; and Dr J. M' Cubbin Johnston, Hon. Treasurer.

Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, M.V.O., Hon. Secretary, submitted the report for the year, which showed that the Association had now a membership of 2,908, there having been added to the membership 264 nurses during the year. All the societies interested in the promotion of a Bill for the State Registration of nurses in Scotland, England, and Ireland had now joined hands, and formed a Central Committee, which had appointed an Executive Committee. The latter Committee had issued literature bearing upon the question of State Registration, showing that it was wanted to protect the public as a whole; that it would help to prevent the abuse of nurses' uniform without stopping untrained women from working; that it would guarantee to medical practitioners and the public that, in registered nurses, they would have women whose character had been fully tested, and whose training had been technically sound.

It was scarcely necessary for him to mention that the Bill had had a first reading in the House of Commons, and they hoped that it would get a second reading very shortly, but in order that the State Registration of nurses might become an accomplished fact they must all do their part in trying to influence those who were still opposed to the principle of State Registration, and endeavour to get them to see the matter from the point of view of all concerned. The Bill if unaltered as agreed upon by the different societies would, he was sure, receive the hearty support of the members of the association, and seeing the different associations agreed to join hands for the promotion of the Bill as it stood, they to-day again pledged themselves to give it their hearty support.

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance on hand of £33.

MEMORIAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Lord Inverclyde, in moving the adoption of the reports, referred to the meeting which he had recently attended in London in regard to the Bill. They were fortunate in having present at that meeting Dr. Chapple, M.P., who had charge of the Bill in the House of Commons. They were glad that he had taken it up, but at the same time he thought that it was right that they should express their appreciation of the services rendered in the matter by Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson when he was in the House of Commons. (Applause.) Dr. Chapple was very keen on the matter and got the Bill through the first reading in the House of Commons. (Applause.) They discussed the matter very fully, and they had before them at the meeting the draft of a memorial which it was proposed to send to the Prime Minister, asking him to give facilities to allow the Bill to make

progress, and he hoped he might give it favourable consideration.

Of course, there was still in London a certain section who were opposed to the State Registration of Nurses, but they in Scotland were absolutely unanimous in supporting the Bill. (Applause.) They must just peg away and use their influence in trying to get the Bill passed. Their thanks were due to Dr. Mackintosh for his gratuitous services, and to the others who had devoted much time and labour in carrying on the work. (Applause.)

Sir John Halliday Croom, in seconding, expressed his approval of the Bill and referred to the abuses which existed in the nursing profession. He said he would also like to see the Midwives Bill passed. At the present moment the position of midwives in Scotland was nothing less than scandalous. Many of the women had no qualifications whatever, and they were getting the fees which should go to registered midwives.

The reports were adopted.

Dr. Renton moved that the acting secretary, the hon. secretary, the hon. treasurer, and the executive committee be re-appointed to watch the progress of the Bill through Parliament, and take such action as they consider necessary in the interests of the members of the association, and that Dr. Mackintosh be re-appointed to the Central Executive.

Miss Gill, in seconding, referred to the work done by Dr. Mackintosh for the Association, and urged nurses to interest themselves closely in everything bearing upon the purpose of the Association.

The resolution was adopted.

It was agreed to contribute £14 14s. to the funds of the Central Committee.

Lord Inverclyde was thanked for presiding, on the motion of Sir James Affleck.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at the Nurses' Hostel, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on March 19th, Miss Huxley presiding, when the following Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—

President, Miss Cunningham, Matron of the Convalescent Home, Stillorgan.

Vice-President, Miss Holden, Matron of the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

Hon. Secretary, Miss Keating, Matron of the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin.

Finance Committee—Miss Reeves, Matron Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin; Miss Hutchinson, Matron Drumcondra Hospital, Drumcondra, and Miss Carson-Rae, Superintendent, Nurses' Hostel, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

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