

the competition with the untrained, the increased number of nurses required to meet new work in all directions, the restrictions of nursing work compared with many other occupations open to women, all, in part, accounted for the lack of supply of the best type of women to meet increasing demands for probationers and nurses. A form of Petition was considered and agreed upon, to be signed by matrons and certificated nurses, in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill, the provisions of which, it was agreed, would do much to encourage reliable women to enter the nursing profession, and provide just conditions for registered nurses.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following candidates were elected members of the Society:—

3352. Miss L. J. Walker, cert. Royal Inf., Bradford.
 3353. Miss N. S. Bruckshaw, cert. Brownlow Hill Inf., Liverpool.
 3354. Miss M. Finch, cert. Kent and Canterbury Hosp.
 3355. Miss H. M. Gill, cert. Royal Inf., Sunderland.
 3356. Miss A. J. Swan, cert. St. Mary's Hosp., Paddington.
 3357. Miss A. D. Beaton, cert. Royal Inf., Sunderland.
 3358. Miss F. Harrop, cert. General Inf., Leeds.
 3359. Miss F. Dale, *Matron* Joint Hosp., Newton Abbot; cert. Inf., Leeds.
 3360. Miss H. Stanley, cert. Beckett St. Inf., Leeds.
 3361. Miss E. L. King, cert. St. Thomas' and Brompton Hosps.
 3362. Miss C. Hill, *Matron* The Hospital, Gorse Hill, Swindon; cert. Royal Inf., Liverpool.
 3363. Miss C. M. Alderman, cert. Hammersmith Inf.
 3364. Miss E. Jackson, cert. General Hosp., Nottingham
 3365. Miss A. A. Macwilliam, cert. Royal Inf., Dundee.
 3366. Miss A. W. Waterman, cert. Guy's Hosp.
 3367. Miss M. G. Berry, cert. London Homoeo. Hosp.
 3368. Miss D. C. Rolfs, " " "
 3369. Miss L. Bruford, cert. General Hosp., Cheltenham.
 3370. Miss H. P. Crawford, cert. Paddington Inf.
 3371. Miss V. Godfrey, cert. St. Barthol's Hosp.
 3372. Miss M. B. Noël, " " "
 3373. Miss Z. Stronge, " " "
 3374. Miss S. Jarvis, " " "
 3375. Miss M. M. Pearce, " " "
 3376. Miss F. M. Harrison, " " "
 3377. Miss M. B. Wilkins, " " "
 3378. Miss V. Humphreys, " " "
 3379. Miss D. M. Priestley, " " "
 3380. Miss M. L. McNeil, " " "
 3381. Miss D. C. Taylor, cert. Taunton and Somerset Hosp.

3382. Miss B. Cave, cert. Roy. Sea Bathing Hosp., Margate, and Roy. Inf., Bristol.
 3383. Miss E. Keen, cert. Ipswich and East Suffolk Hosp.
 3384. Miss D. Drinan, cert. St. Barthol's Hosp.

The meeting then terminated.

MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Sec.

MEDICAL NOTES.

Treatment of Acute and Incipient Insanity.

The Medico-Legal Society at its last two meetings has been discussing in some detail the question of the hospital treatment of acute and incipient insanity which now seems likely to be put into operation by the London County Council. This system, by which a large and important class of persons liable to mental affections may be successfully treated without incurring the stigma of being placed on the register of lunatics, has been advocated by many alienists, notably Dr. Maudsley, who a few years ago presented a considerable sum of money to the County Council towards the establishment of suitable wards. Progress has been hindered by legal obstacles, but meanwhile medical and legal opinion has ripened, and there is now practically unanimity that the system should be adopted generally by local authorities. In France and Germany it is general but in this country the only case is in Glasgow, where the local authorities have had a complete system of hospital treatment of the acute and incipient insanities in full operation for some ten years. Dr. Carswell, the physician to the hospital, described its working at a recent meeting of the Medico-Legal Society. There is, of course, no compulsion on any patient to enter the wards, but in practice none makes objection. The period of treatment is limited to six weeks. During last year about 750 patients were treated, of whom only 250 had ultimately to be certified insane and transferred to the asylum. If legislation is secured for this new form of treating the mentally deranged we shall then have three systems—the lengthy and formal system of treatment under the Lunacy Act, the more immediate system under the Mental Deficiency Act which comes into force at the beginning of April, and the new hospital treatment.

All-White Operating Rooms.

In a recent arraignment of "all-white" operating rooms, so dear to the hearts of hospital trustees and some superintendents, Dr. Harvey Cushing, chief of the surgical staff of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, projected into the arena of serious discussion, says *The Modern Hospital*, a matter about which many of us have been thinking for some time—indeed some action has already been taken.

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