

widely signed, and is still in circulation. Although the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., placed it on its Index Expurgatorius, it has (wisely) thought well to re-incorporate its demands in its re-drafted Bill, before the Premier has been approached. In this connection it is scandalous that this Society should have had to expend at least £70 in protecting this fundamental right of the nurses to representation on their own Governing Body to be set up by Parliament. The Petition is still in circulation. What has been conceded under pressure may again be eliminated from the College Bill. We must go on piling up signatures in support of this vital demand.

The Roll has been most accurately compiled by Mrs. Jessop, who has expended unlimited time and trouble in this connection, and to whom we all owe a warm vote of thanks.

THE STANDARD CURRICULUM FOR SCHOOLS OF NURSING.

The National League of Nursing Education in the United States of America has earned the thanks of the nursing profession throughout the world for the "Standard Curriculum for Schools of Nursing," which its Committee on Education has prepared and published, and which cannot fail to be the standard work on the subject for many years to come. This Society, founded to raise and legally regulate nursing education, will desire its appreciation conveyed to Professor M. Adelaide Nutting and her Educational Committee for the great service which they have rendered to the profession at large.

The thanks of the Society are due to a number of its most faithful members for their valuable personal help. It is not too much to say that without the voluntary work and generous financial support which they have rendered our most successful year's work could never have been accomplished. We are thankful that all our old friends have again been able to render devoted service, and in this connection we must name Miss Heather-Bigg, Miss H. Hawkins, Miss Kent, Miss Hulme, Miss Eden, Miss Kingsford, and Miss Huxley. The office of the Registered Nurses' Society has, as formerly, been at our disposal free of cost, where Sister Cartwright has provided for our meetings in the most hospitable manner possible. To Mrs. Walter Spencer we are indebted for our annual social reunion, so greatly appreciated by all attending the annual meeting.

Here endeth the fifteenth annual report of arduous and consistent work for the uplifting of our profession, and the benefit of the public, of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK, *President*,
For the Executive Committee.

The report was adopted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement showed a balance in hand of £75 15s. 5d. The year's assets had been £181 5s. 3d., and the expenditure had amounted to £105 9s. 10d.; Printing and Stationery,

£73 11s. 1d.; Postages, £18 15s.; Travelling, £3; Clerical Assistance and Audit, £3 2s.; Subscriptions to other Societies, £4 3s.; and Miscellaneous, £2 18s. 9d. The President said she resented the expenditure of nearly £70 in compiling the Petition to the Prime Minister, owing to the action of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in attempting to deprive the Nursing Profession of representation on their own Governing Body in the 4th draft of its Nurses' Registration Bill. No doubt the money had been well spent.

The Financial Statement was adopted.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, composed principally of delegates nominated by Societies of Nurses, was elected, with two new members added, Miss M. F. Rimmer, delegate of the National Union of Trained Nurses, and Miss Dyer, nominated by the School Nurses' League.

Major Chapple, who on rising to speak was warmly applauded, said: "I congratulate the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses on the progress which has been made. The late King Edward VII. is reported to have said, on one occasion, 'We are all socialists now,' and equally it may be said, 'We are all registrationists now.' One cannot now find anyone who is not a registrationist, one would imagine that all whom one meets had been in favour of registration of nurses from their cradles, and they wonder why we have not got it. Even the latest opponents are ranged under the registration banner. The College of Nursing started on its career almost hostile, or, if not hostile, indifferent, and it ended by discovering that registration is the one thing needful. It has drafted a Nurses' Registration Bill, of which we have just got the sixth draft. Many of our demands are now included. If we had had this to work upon two years ago we might have had an agreed Bill. We do not now appreciate it quite as much as we should have done then, but it is a tremendous step forward."

Major Chapple then related his negotiations with Sir Arthur Stanley in relation to the Bill. The fourth draft, when he received it was, he said, wholly at variance from the terms agreed upon between them, and he refused to submit it to the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses. A few alterations had been made in the fifth draft and then modified so as to make them unacceptable. All through his negotiations with Sir Arthur Stanley he had never committed himself to anything beyond endeavouring to arrive at proposals which he would submit to the Central Committee. He told him that anything which committed them to retaining the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College in their present form would be unacceptable. That draft gave the nurses on the General Register the right to elect two-thirds of the General Nursing Council, but it made no provision that any of those elected should be trained nurses. The fifth draft also made the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College permanent. That was a variation

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