

from Florence, Switzerland, Salonika, British East Africa, Natal, Basutoland and Uganda.

The Report concluded with the hope that before the members met next year the promise of the Minister of Health would have been fulfilled, and a Nurses' Registration Act might be inscribed on the Statute Book of these Realms.

The Report was then adopted.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Chairman then presented the Financial Statement, which showed a balance at the bank of £96 4s. 2d., and explained that all the money given to the Society went to support the campaign. None was spent in salaries or office expenses of the Society. The Parliamentary campaign of the Society had been very active, and the unprincipled misstatements circulated by the College of Nursing, Ltd., had to be contradicted.

One was that the Central Committee's Bill was only supported by 4,000 nurses. The membership of the Societies of Nurses supporting that Bill was well over 15,000 free nurses—organised nurses who were not to be coerced.

The Report was adopted.

Miss M. F. Rimmer congratulated the Committee on the amount of work accomplished, and pointed out that it could not fight an opposition largely financed by charity without adequate funds. She asked whether a collection might not be taken at the meeting, some of those at the end of the room (from which she spoke) were desirous of contributing.

Miss E. B. Kingsford said what had impressed her most in the financial report, had been the extraordinary amount of work done on an expenditure of £120.

The Chairman said there could only be one answer to Miss Rimmer's request from those responsible for the finances of the Society. A voluminous report had been compiled, covering the period of the war, and also a summary of the history of the State Registration movement since the foundation of the Society in 1902. It was important this should be printed, and the cost of printing was almost prohibitive. She would be very pleased to receive contributions for this purpose.

The Financial Statement was then adopted.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee for the ensuing year was then elected, the new members being Miss Alice Reeves, R.R.C., President of the Irish Nurses' Association, and Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The next business was the consideration of votes of thanks for great services rendered to the cause of Nurses' Registration.

I.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to express to the Right Hon. the Lord Amptill, G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., its sincere thanks for his great services in the House of Lords to the cause of

Nurses' Registration, and trusts that his work for the benefit of the public and for trained nurses, may be speedily completed by the passage into law of the Government measure promised by the Minister of Health.

Miss M. Heather Bigg, R.R.C., President of the Matrons' Council, in moving the above said, that we all knew Lord Amptill to be one of our best and truest friends, and he had once more proved it when he moved the rejection of the Second Reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill, promoted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and introduced by Lord Goschen in the House of Lords. We all felt that but for the College, a Nurses' Registration Act would now be on the Statute Book. A great movement had been put back by a small body of employed Matrons who were not free agents.

Miss Cutler, Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Trained Nurses, said it was a great pleasure to second this vote of thanks. We all realised what Lord Amptill had done for the Nurses' Registration Cause in the House of Lords.

II.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to express to Major Barnett, M.P., its sincere thanks for his great services in the House of Commons to the cause of Nurses' Registration, and trusts that his work for the public benefit, and for trained nurses, may speedily be completed by the passage into law of the Government Measure promised by the Minister of Health.

The second vote of thanks was very happily moved and seconded by two of Major Barnett's constituents and supporters, Miss Beatrice Kent and Miss A. E. Hulme.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in supporting the resolution from the chair said she had never worked with any man who had taken more trouble to understand the question, or who, with the greatest courtesy, had stuck to his guns with greater firmness.

III.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to convey to the British Medical Association its grateful thanks for the support it has given to trained nurses in their struggle for the organisation of their profession by the State, through the Nurses' Registration Bill promoted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and especially for its active support throughout the kingdom while this Bill is before the House of Commons.

This was moved by Miss Isabel Macdonald, and seconded by Miss M. Breay. The speakers emphasised the points that the British Medical Association had from the beginning, supported the principle of Nurses' Registration, and the pleasure it was to Nurses, who, in co-operation with medical practitioners had fought and won many a hard fight at the bedside of the patient, to have their advice and assistance outside the sick room, in the organisation of their profession.

IV.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to express its sincere thanks to the President and Members of the National Council of

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