

the College of Nursing, Ltd. The Petitions it had issued in regard to the Nurses' Bill were disgraceful documents, purposely calculated to mislead our legislators, and the people who drafted them were not fit to govern working women.

It was a tragedy that a few interested men were able, owing to Parliamentary procedure, to wrench from registrationists the fruit of their expert knowledge and public spirited devotion.

In this connection it was to be noted that Mr. Leonard Lyle was widely advertising in the Press the fact that he intended to give his first year's salary (£400) as Member of Parliament, to provide comforts for the nurses of the hospital of which he was chairman. The nurses taxed to pay this salary might well object to finding funds to keep men in Parliament of whose conduct they strongly disapproved. Mrs. Fenwick suggested that the constituencies should pay for their own Members; it was most unjust that nurses should have to find the money for the wreckers of their Bill. Let the constituencies pay for their own Bolshevics. Mrs. Fenwick read a letter from a Manchester nurse proposing that, should a general election take place before the Government Bill was introduced, we should be ready for an organized attack against the re-election of the gentlemen who had shown themselves to be our determined enemies.

The Resolution did not require a seconder, but the support and opinion of the meeting was invited.

Several members spoke in support of the resolution, and a Nursing Sister, home from France, who, in an admirable maiden speech, wished the Bill every success, aroused cries of "Shame" by her statement that she had received papers advising her to join the College of Nursing, Ltd., while there, and been informed that she would not get posts if she did not do so.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

#### RESOLUTION II.

The next resolution was moved by Miss Margaret Huxley and seconded by Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to thank the Minister of Health for his promise to bring in a Government measure providing for the State Registration of Nurses, and assures him that he may rely upon the women who have worked for so long—in the face of implacable opposition—to obtain this reform, to give him all the support and help in their power to secure the passage into law of a just Bill.

Miss Huxley said that it gave her great pleasure to move the Resolution. She thought that we might trust Dr. Addison and believe that he understood the necessities of the case, and Miss Bickerton said we all believed that he would carry out his pledge and bring in a Government Bill.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who supported the Resolution from the chair, said that under present conditions a Bill to which there was opposition

could not be passed into law without the support of the Government. She appealed to the members of the Society to do all in their power to help the Government to draft and carry through a just Bill. Let everyone think what she could do.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

#### NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Fenwick then proposed from the chair, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Herbert Paterson, Medical Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and Dr. McGregor Robertson, President of the Scottish Nurses' Association, should be invited to accept the office of Vice-President. Nurses owed a deep debt of gratitude to both these gentlemen for their fearless and most able advocacy of their cause.

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for so ably taking the chair, for her most interesting speech, and for her indefatigable work for the Nurses' Registration cause.

The collection taken at the close of the meeting in accordance with Miss Rimmer's practical suggestion, resulted in £6 being contributed towards the printing of the Society's report.

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

## APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRON.

Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton.—Miss L. M. Jenkins, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has been Sister at the Borough Hospital, Bootle, and at the Cancer Hospital, London; Home Sister at the Park Hospital, Hither Green; Assistant Matron at the Royal South Hants Hospital; and on active service on Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.) in France 4½ years. Miss Jenkins holds the certificates of the Central Midwives' Board, and of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuse, so that it will be seen she is a highly qualified woman in every branch of her profession.

London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, Islington, N.—Miss M. Annesley Balme has been appointed Matron. She was trained in a Liverpool Hospital and has held the position of Staff Nurse and Sister in Mr. Barling's Private Hospital, Birmingham, the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and the Cancer Hospital, Glasgow, of Assistant Matron at the Belvedere City Hospital, Glasgow, and of Matron at the Whartdale Joint Hospital, Merston, and the Borough Hospital, Bournemouth.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, Islington, N.—Miss D. Jones has been appointed Assistant Matron Housekeeper. She was trained at Isleworth Infirmary, where she has also held the position of House Sister and Temporary Assistant Matron.

#### MESSAGE SISTER.

London Homoeopathic Hospital, W.C.—Miss E. Cummins has been appointed Massage Sister. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool.

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