

Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE Quarterly Meeting of the General Council was held on Friday, November 27th, at 20, Hanover Square, W., at 5 p.m.

Her Royal Highness The President presided, and amongst those who were present were the following Members of the General Council:—*Medical Men.*—Dr. Alderson, Dr. Buzzard, Dr. Gage-Brown, Mr. Brudenell Carter, Mr. Davies-Colley, Dr. Sidney Coupland, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Dr. Eady, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Mr. Fardon, Mr. Gant, Dr. Willingham Gell, Mr. Langton, Mr. Pickering Pick, Mr. Herbert Page, Dr. Bezly Thorne, Dr. Wynn Westcott. *Matrons and Nurses.*—Miss Sarah Allbrook, Miss E. A. Anderson, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Butler, Miss Bewsher, Miss Barbara Chapman, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Greenway, Miss Grace Gordon, Miss Lucy Hughes, Miss M. Jenkins, Miss Ambler-Jones, Miss M. E. Jones, Miss Munro, Miss Mackey, Miss Kate Maxwell, Miss Kate Noble, Miss de Pledge, Miss Ridley, Miss Isla Stewart, Mrs. Truman, Miss Thorold, Miss Rumball, Miss Smedley, Miss Spring.

Mr. Pickering Pick took the Chair, at the request of H.R.H. the President. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the Minutes of previous meetings, which were confirmed. Dr. Bezly Thorne, Hon. Secretary, read the following Report:—

The Executive Committee beg to report that the Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held in the City of Oxford on the 25th of July last. Through the courtesy of the Master, the General Meeting of the Members was held in the Hall of Balliol College, and by the favour of the President of St. Mary Magdalene, the luncheon was served in the Hall of that College. The Executive Committee invite the General Council to unite with them in expressing the sincere regret with which they regard the loss which has been sustained by the University and the country in the death of the learned and distinguished Master of Balliol.

It devolves on the General Council to elect at this Meeting three Vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer, and two Honorary Secretaries for the ensuing year, and they recommend that the present holders of these offices be re-elected. The General Council will also be asked to proceed to the appointment of the elected Members of the Executive Committee who are required by the Bye-Laws to complete the constitution of that body.

Regulations, which it is proposed that Members of the Corporation, and persons desirous of becoming Members, should observe in certain respects, will be submitted to the General Council for approval. The Meeting will also be invited to express its opinion on the subject of the use by Members of the Corporation of their connection with that body for purposes of objectionable advertisement. Formal resolutions on the subject have been prepared by the Executive Committee which will be submitted in due course.

The General Council is reminded that in view of the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Association, it will be necessary for them to take the earliest opportunity of considering and ordaining rules for the regulation of their proceedings. The Executive Committee is engaged in the task of preparing specific recommendations on the subject which will be brought under the notice of the Members of the Council in accordance with the provisions which were in force before the Grant of the Charter. The Executive

Committee beg further to report that they have decided in furtherance of the objects for which the Association was founded, to effect a wide extension of the Sessional Lectures which have hitherto been delivered from time to time, and to arrange for definite courses of instruction in elementary Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene, as well as in more advanced subjects of a practical character. They have reason to believe that such lectures will be warmly appreciated both by the students of Nursing and by those who have already completed a course of qualifying training. It is proposed that the lectures shall be open to others than Members of the Corporation on the payment of a small fee.

Finally, the Executive recommend the General Council to exercise their discretionary powers in admitting to Registration and to membership of the Corporation, Nurse Sarah Gertrude Rednall, who holds a three years' certificate from the Royal Free Hospital, of which only two were spent in the wards, the remaining year having, according to the rules at the time in force, been devoted to service on the private nursing staff, of which she has remained a member up to the present time. The Executive Committee have carefully examined into the circumstances of this case, and into the Nurse's character and qualifications, and have come to the conclusion that the dispensing powers of the Council may be rightly exercised in her favour.

The adoption of the Report was formally proposed and seconded.

The Chairman put the case of Nurse Rednall to the meeting, and it was proposed by Mr. Brudenell Carter, seconded, and agreed to, that she should be Registered and admitted as a Member of the Corporation.

H.R.H. The President proposed the re-election of the Hon. Officers—Dr. Bedford Fenwick as Treasurer, and Dr. Bezly Thorne and Miss Grace Gordon as Hon. Secretaries, expressing the deep gratitude the Corporation felt for their untiring efforts on its behalf. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Grace Gordon submitted the proposed list of Members to serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and this was unanimously adopted.

It was proposed by Dr. Thorne, seconded by Dr. Buzzard, and resolved, that the following Regulations for Members should be added to those now in force:—

REGULATION I.—“That no Members of the Corporation shall use or authorise or permit to be used, the fact that she is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association in connection with any newspaper or other advertisement of any patent medicine, or of any particular form of medical or nursing treatment, or of any proprietary article of any kind or description, unless she has received the consent of the Executive Committee in writing and under the seal of the Association to such employment of the name of the Association.”

REGULATION II.—“That in the judgment of this Council, any infraction of the preceding Regulation by any Member of the Association would be 'moral delinquency' in the sense in which that expression is used in the Royal Charter, and should be therefore reported to the General Council, and dealt with accordingly.”

Sir Dyce Duckworth proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was seconded by Her Royal Highness, and carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourned. DAISY ROBINS,
Secretary and Registrar

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