

The second proposal of the same Section did not meet with such a favourable result. The Section had strongly urged the necessity, or at least the desirableness, of an inquiry concerning the number and the reasons of the changes of the nursing staffs in our hospitals.

Dr. Kuiper, Medical Superintendent of the Wilhelmina Hospital, and representative of the Amsterdam Section, argued strongly against this proposal. The Board is not entitled to put itself between the Board of Guardians of a hospital and its nursing staff.

Dr. van Wely, Medical Superintendent of the Children's Hospital at The Hague, and representative of the Section The Hague, was of the same opinion. The truth would not be revealed.

Dr. van Deventer (Bloemendaal) declared the real meaning of the proposal to be misunderstood. The proposed inquiry must take place within wide boundaries. A detailed investigation is not meant. In our military hospitals, for instance, the changes of the nursing staff are much less than in most civil nursing institutions. The reason of this must be ascribed to the fact that the male military nurses are allowed to marry. The finding out of such like reasons by an inquiry is what is desired by the Bloemendaal Section.

When put to the vote the proposal was rejected.

Accepted was the proposal of the Amsterdam Section to found a library containing books, journals, treatises, essays, &c., on sick nursing in the broadest sense of the word. The library will have its seat at Amsterdam.

After the discussions on the proposals made by the different Sections, the result of the election of the new Board of Management was published. Lady de Bosch Kemper, Dr. Kuiper, Dr. van der Weyde, Dr. Rombach and Dr. Renssen had declared beforehand that they did not wish to be candidates for re-election. The new Board of Management consists of the following members: Professor Kouwer; Dr. van Deventer, Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum "Meerénberg"; Dr. A. Couvée, Medical Superintendent of the Jewish Hospital and Lunatic Asylum at Amsterdam; Dr. van Eden, Medical Superintendent of the City Hospital at Leeuwarden; Miss des Amorie van der Hoeven, Matron of the Society for District Nursing at Rotterdam; Dr. Schreve, Medical Superintendent of the Municipal Hospital at Rotterdam; and Mr. Calkoen, burgomaster of Edam.

After this, Miss Manden, Matron of the City Hospital at The Hague, gave a lecture on "The Value of Culinary and Economic Knowledge for Nurses," in which she laid great stress on the desirability that the probationers, before their entrance into the hospital, should be trained in cooking and domestic work. Miss Manden's discourse was followed by an appreciative discussion, whereupon the Chairman offered a vote of thanks to the speaker.

The honorary membership of the Bond was bestowed with acclamation on the resigning hon. secretary, Lady De Bosch Kemper, in appreciation of her great merits and indefatigable zeal and energy.

After this several committees were appointed, such as:

- a. A committee for the subsidy-fund of the Board.
- b. A committee for arbitration.
- c. A committee for the investigation of the problems concerning the training and examinations of male and female nurses.

d. A committee for the pension fund.

e. A committee for the journal.

A most interesting lecture on Röntgen rays, given by Dr. Bollaan, was one of the last items of the programme.

Shortly afterwards the meeting was brought to an end by the Chairman.

"NOSOKOMOS."

Last month has been rich in meetings of nursing societies. The Dutch Association for Furthering the Interests of Male and Female Nurses—"Nosokòmos"—held on May 6th its second annual general meeting, also at The Hague. Sister G. W. Bækhuis was in the chair. In her opening speech she reported, in her position as President of the Board of Management, the work of this Society during the past year. In order to make up the difference arisen between Sister H., late Head Nurse in the Rotterdam Municipal Hospital (now dismissed from the position), and the Board of Guardians of that institution, the Board of Management of "Nosokòmos" had appealed to the Medical Superintendent of the Rotterdam Hospital for further information. The asked-for and given explanations, however, proved to be far from complete, whereupon the columns of the organ of the Association, the monthly magazine *Nosokòmos*, were placed at the disposal of Sister H., while at the same time Mr. Levy, one of our most prominent lawyers, was charged with the task of openly discussing the question in the same magazine. A Committee was appointed for organising an insurance and pension scheme and aid in case of ill-health. Brother Carlier, Sister Behkering, and Brother van Gent have resigned their membership of the Board of Management.

From the report, read by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. Aletrino van Stockum, the assembly learned that *Nosokòmos* finds the number of its members constantly increasing. The Association has two sections—at Amsterdam and The Hague—and five correspondentships—Zaandam, Deventer, Hengels, Tiel and Wageningen. In November of last year a library was founded. The central office for addresses of nurses has its seat at Amsterdam, but the Section The Hague has also an office for addresses; a Committee has been appointed by the same Section for the foundation of a Home for Sisters.

Sister Debrus, Sister Tilanus, Sister van Heusden, and Mrs. Doesburgh were appointed as members of the Board of Management.

Sister Bækhuis was re-elected also in her function of Chairman.

The proposal of the Board of Management that "Nosokòmos" should be represented at the Hygienic Congress was accepted, as well as that of the Section Amsterdam that *Nosokòmos* should join the National Council of Women and the International Council of Nurses.

After a lively discussion, the proposal of the same Section concerning a uniform set of fees for private nurses, connected with the central office for addresses, was also approved of.

The members of *Nosokòmos* registered on the list of one of the offices for addresses will wear a special badge when in private nursing, indicating in this way that they have joined the Association.

A Committee of seven members is to be appointed, whose task will be the drafting of a more detailed

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