

## The Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

A meeting of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, May 26th, at 12 o'clock.

There were present Miss G. A. Rogers, President, in the chair; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. President International Council of Nurses; Miss Isla Stewart, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Delegates of the Matrons' Council, the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, the League of St. John's House Nurses, the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, and the Registered Nurses' Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. C. Barton, presented the following Report:—

I have the honour to report that since the last meeting of the Provisional Committee Miss Rogers has accepted office as President.

I have received a letter from the Irish Nurses Association applying for affiliation.

I have had the opportunity of addressing on the subject of the Provisional Committee the two Leagues that have most recently been formed—those of Bethnal Green Infirmary and Kingston Infirmary. Both are interested in the matter, and wish in a friendly spirit to consider the subject of affiliation when they are a little more established.

The formation of a League of the Queen's Nurses was also suggested in the last number of the *Queen's Jubilee Magazine*.

In response to the suggestion made at the last meeting of supplying bound copies of the League journals to form a library, we have received a copy of the *St. John's House League News*. We hope soon to receive the others.

We have received through the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses copies of the following magazines:—*Nosokomos*, four handsomely bound volumes, from Dr. Aletrino, of Holland, and other pamphlets published by the *Nederlandsche Vereeniging tot bevordering der belangen van Verpleigsters en verplegers*. Also the *Australasian Trained Nurses' Journal*, and *Una*, the organ of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association. Also the *Johns Hopkins Alumnae Magazine*, and the volume of the Transactions of the International Congress held in London in 1899, containing the papers read in the nursing section, the Transactions of the International Congress of Nurses, Buffalo, 1901. The Reports of the International Council of Nurses, Buffalo, 1901, and Berlin, 1904, *Der Internationale Prusien-Kongress, Berlin, 1904*, and the Report of the *Association pour le développement de l'Assistance aux Malades, Paris*.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

We have received from the Matrons' Council 5s., from St. John's House League 5s., from the Irish

Nurses' Association 5s., from the Chelsea Nurses' League 5s. Expenses: 1s. 6d. in sending out notices for meeting. Balance in hand, 18s. 6d.

The report was adopted, and it was agreed to send the cordial thanks of the Committee to the donors of the various volumes, which will form the nucleus of a useful and interesting nursing library. The Provisional Committee, acting as the National Council, agreed to take charge of it on behalf of the International Council of Nurses. Miss Stewart kindly offered to give the back numbers of the *American Journal of Nursing*, which offer was gratefully accepted. Miss Barton consented to act as Librarian, and it was agreed further to adopt a book plate. (Here is an opportunity for a friend of the Council who has talent as a designer.)

Mrs. Fenwick announced that the American Societies of Nurses, through the American Federation, had on Federation Day, May 5th, voted to enter into affiliation with the International Council of Nurses. With the British and German nurses now in affiliation with the Council, this brought up the number of nurses represented in it to well over 10,000. Societies of nurses in other countries were also desirous of affiliation, and one formal application had already been received, but it could not be officially accepted until the next meeting of the Council. She thought the affiliation of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations and their German colleagues was a very encouraging beginning for a young Society like the International Council.

The President and Hon. Secretary were empowered to draw up a short Constitution for the government of the Provisional Committee and to submit it to the next meeting.

Other business having been discussed, the meeting terminated.

## The Central Midwives' Board.

A special meeting of the Central Midwives' Board under the provisions of the Rules of Procedure on the proposed removal of a name from the Roll was held on Thursday, May 25th, at 2 p.m.

Present:—Dr. Champneys in the chair; Miss Wilson, Miss Paget, Mrs. Latter, Mr. Parker Young, and Dr. Dakin.

The first case heard was that of Annie Bord, charged with disobeying the Rules of the Board (1) in not declining to attend alone a case in which a rigor occurred, (2) in not disinfecting herself to the satisfaction of the local sanitary authority after attending a case of puerperal fever before going to another labour. She defended herself, pleading (a) that she had not read the rules, as she was expecting to have a copy sent and did not trouble in the meantime; (b) that she had entrusted the mother of her patient with a verbal message which the husband took to the doctor, but delayed in taking, her excuse being that she was busy with the patient. (c) That she thoroughly disinfected her-

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