

cil, the combined membership being upwards of 16,000 trained nurses.

(b) The Constitution of the International Council was considered, and it was agreed to propose alteration in three clauses:

Under Article II., clause 2, Hon. Presidents. "A President of the International Council having held the office for a full term shall be made upon retiring Hon. President of the Council, with a vote on the Executive Committee and Grand Council for life."

It was agreed to substitute "may" for "shall," so as to give the Council power to elect Hon. Presidents.

Under Article V., clause 1, "The Grand Council shall be composed of four delegates from each National Council of Nurses, and the Honorary Officers, as defined in Article II."

It was agreed to substitute two for four delegates.

Under Article VI. "The International Council of Nurses shall hold Quinquennial Meetings."

It was agreed to substitute Triennial for Quinquennial Meetings.

Mrs. Fenwick reported that all these alterations in the Constitution had been considered at the Executive Committee held in Paris in June, 1907, and agreed to. She therefore proposed that the clauses of the Constitution as amended should be sent to Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon.

Secretary, with the request that they should be placed for consideration upon the Agenda of the forthcoming Business Session of the International Council, to be held in 1909.

(c) Mrs. Fenwick reported that two most courteous invitations had been received by the International Council of Nurses, one inviting it to Stockholm, and one from the Danish Council of Nurses inviting it to meet at Copenhagen. Consideration had for some time past been given to the important question of a meeting place for 1909, and there was a very general consensus of opinion that for many reasons it would be well that the Conference should take place in London. The Council was founded in London in 1899, but no International gathering of nurses had ever been held in England. Buffalo (United States), Berlin, and Paris had given most hospitable welcome

to the nurses of the world, and now it would be well received if London returned the compliment. She proposed that an invitation should be sent to Miss Dock asking the International Council to meet in London in the summer of 1909. This was seconded by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, and unanimously agreed to.

#### AFFILIATION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

It was decided to ask for affiliation with the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, which, as the governing body of the National Union of Women Workers, meets annually at the time of the Conference, and brings the members into touch with the lives of women engaged in every branch of work, thus widening their knowledge and sympathies.

#### THE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

It was agreed to adopt the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING as the official organ of the Council, and that the system practised by the Matrons' Council that all official reports should be endorsed by the President, and signed by the Hon. Secretary, should be adopted. The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is the official organ of the International Council of Nurses, so that its readers are kept well informed of the organisation of nurses in affiliated countries, and of the progress of nursing in all parts of the world.

Miss Isla Stewart congratulated the Council upon its choice of Mrs. Fenwick and her election as President.

The Meeting then terminated.

BEATRICE CUTLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### NURSES OF NOTE.

Miss Christina Forrest, the Matron of the Victoria Nurses' Institute, Bournemouth, who has been elected Treasurer of the National Council of Trained Nurses, has rendered distinguished service to the nursing profession. When Lady Superintendent of the York County Hospital, she was one of the signatories to the Incorporation Clause of the Royal Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association. She gave valuable evidence in favour of the State Registration of Trained Nurses before the Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1905, and has organised the first provincial League of private nurses.



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