

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

The First Meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at the office, 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, July 3rd, at 5 p.m., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the chair.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Cutler, reported that at the First Meeting of the Grand Council of the N.C.N., held on Friday, May 1st, the Constitution had been adopted, and the delegates from affiliating societies, and the Hon. Officers and Executive Committee elected. All the officers elected had accepted office. An invitation was authorised to be sent to Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary, inviting the International Council of Nurses to hold its Quinquennial Meeting in London in July, 1909. Her reply accepting the invitation had been received.

A Basket of Flowers had been presented from the Council to Miss Isla Stewart at her Congratulatory Banquet on Saturday, June 27th, and a telegram had been sent to Miss Rogers, the First Vice-President, on Thursday, June 25th, when she celebrated her 25th anniversary as Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Infirmary. For both little courtesies thanks had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report having been adopted, letters of apology for inability to attend the meeting were read. A letter was read from Miss Isla Stewart, conveying her most sincere thanks for the lovely flowers presented by the Council at the Dinner given in her honour. A letter was read from the Hon. Albinia Brodrick making kind suggestions concerning the Meeting of the International Council in London in 1909. The President referred to an important letter received from Miss Sniveley, of Canada, and the following letter was received from Miss L. L. Dock:—

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

265, Henry Street, New York City,
June 6th, 1908.

DEAR MISS CUTLER,—The definite formation of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland is warmly welcomed, and congratulations to its far-seeing leaders offered, by the American Federation of Nurses.

The cordial invitation to the International Council to meet in England next summer has given general satisfaction to the Councillors, and it is with much pleasure that I record their acceptance of the hospitality of our British members.

It seems especially appropriate that our first regular business meeting should be in England,

as it is there that the first seeds of international union among nurses were planted by our untiring crusader for women's progress, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, whom you have wisely placed at the helm of your national craft, and who has been the foremost in the advance of the International Council.

Looking forward with much pleasure to our reunion next summer, believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,

L. L. Dock, Hon. Sec.,

International Council of Nurses.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

The preliminary arrangements for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses were considered, and several interesting suggestions received.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Chairmen and Members to comprise the Standing Committees were nominated subject to their consent to act, on Navy and Army Nursing, Poor Law Nursing, District Nursing, School Nursing, Private and Home Hospital Nursing, Convalescent and Sanatoria Nursing, Prison Nursing, Mental Nursing, Fever Nursing, Obstetric Nursing, Hospitality, and Library.

The President explained that the inclusion of the Chairmen of Standing Committees as members of the Executive Committee had been arranged, so that it might be composed largely of experts in every branch of nursing, and thus their valuable knowledge be available for the benefit of the profession at large. One duty of the Standing Committees would be to prepare a short report annually of events and work in connection with their particular branch of nursing. Thus the Committee on Navy and Army Nursing would note the formation of the new Army Nursing Reserve, the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force, etc. These reports would be incorporated in the Annual Report to the Members of the National Council, and should prove of very great educational and historic value.

The Meeting then terminated.

BEATRICE CUTLER,

Hon. Secretary.

Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, on Thursday, the 25th June, Miss Isla Stewart in the Chair.

Amongst the correspondence a letter was read from Miss Ramsden, Matron of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and President of the Irish Nurses' Association, accepting the

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