

MISS ANNICE STUART GRAY, R.R.C., S.R.N.

Miss Annice Stuart Gray is another Member of whose passing we hear with sincere sorrow, after a long illness borne with the greatest courage. She joined the Association just after she took her training in the Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Ever since she has kept in close association with it, and has often served on the Council and Executive Committee. At the time of her death she was Matron of St. George's Infirmary, Raine Street, and it does not seem so many months ago that we heard one, who had been Medical Superintendent at the Hospital, speaking in most appreciative terms of her administrative ability, and the general feeling of friendliness and good will which she always managed to maintain in her hospital. Among the nursing staff she will be very seriously missed, for few Matrons have been more beloved. Like Miss Huxley, she was able to mingle kindness and justice in a way that led every member of her staff to look upon her as having their welfare at heart, and she entered with enthusiasm into all the work of their Social League and other activities which interested them. Alas, she had gone from among us almost before we knew that she had become ill. It was while on holiday in Dundee that her symptoms gave cause for alarm, and she was taken to a nursing home there; beyond sending flowers occasionally, we were unable to have any intercourse with her in these last weeks of her life as she was quite unable to write. And so a truly valiant spirit passed quietly from our midst, one, who at our council table, was ever on the side of freedom and progress.

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Secretary to the Corporation.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.**THE DATE OF THE NEXT CONGRESS.**

In her recent *communiqué*, published in this journal last month, Miss Effie Taylor, President of the International Council of Nurses, informed us that the American Nurses' Association would meet on January 20th to discuss and decide the date of holding the International Congress of Nurses, as it was realised that, owing to war, 1941 as arranged might not be possible. We have, by request, expressed the opinion that the Congress should be deferred, as it would be impossible for nurses from Europe to attend in the U.S.A. in any appreciable numbers. No doubt a meeting of Directors may be summoned to agree about an extension of term of office for the hon. officers. In the last war the I.C.N. was working under the old voluntary Constitution, and Frø Henny Tscherning, of Denmark, the President, was in office until 1922, when a meeting of the Grand Council was convened at Copenhagen, and no Congress was held. At this meeting, Baroness Sophie Mannerheim was elected President; and in 1925 a splendid Congress took place in Helsingfors—the first since that held in Cologne in 1912.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.**THE CIVIL NURSING RESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses will be held at an early date primarily for the purpose of nominating, by invitation of the Minister of Health, a representative of the National Council to be a member of the new Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council, the function of which will be to advise the Minister from time to time on questions of policy arising in relation to the organisation and work of the Reserve during the present war.

As announced in another column, Miss Horsbrugh, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry, will be Chairman of the Advisory Council.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on January 26th, which was the first meeting of the full Council since the outbreak of War.

Election of Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been confirmed, Dame Ellen M. Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., vacated the Chair, which was taken by Sir Henry Gooch, in the absence of Lady Limerick, nominee of the Privy Council. Sir Henry Gooch announced that there was only one nomination, that of Dame Ellen Musson, nominated by 12 members of the Council, who returned to the Chair.

Miss Cox-Davies thanked Dame Ellen for so many years' work. Dame Ellen Musson thanked the Council for re-electing her.

The Death of Miss Margaret Breay, S.R.N.

The Chairman reported the death of Miss Margaret Breay which took place on December 19th, 1939. She was the Assistant Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and had reported the Meetings of the General Nursing Council for many years; she was a familiar figure at the press table, and all were familiar with Miss Breay's extraordinary accuracy in her reports. She was very keen on the development of her profession, and will be remembered as a pioneer of the Nursing Profession and for her work in connection with the State Registration of Nurses.

The death of Miss M. B. Salton, which took place on December 25th, 1939, was also reported. Miss Salton was the Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and had been a member of the Panel of Examiners to the General Nursing Council since 1924. She was Chairman of the Board of Examiners for the Final Examination, to which she was elected by members of the Board, and her death is a great loss to the Council and to the Profession.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman announced that, as there was only one nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman—that of Miss D. M. Smith, nominated by 10 members of the Council—Miss Smith would be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from the Ministry of Health in connection with reciprocal registration of nurses with the Nurses' Board of Hong Kong, which has now been ratified by Government House, Hong Kong, through the Department of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £6,500 for Examiners' Claims, £560 for Weekly Salaries, £100 for Postage Stamps, £30 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was reported that copies of the Register of Nurses have been received from the Nurses' Registration Board, New South Wales; and from the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board, New Zealand.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by reciprocity, 32; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Nurses for Mental Defectives, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 10, by reciprocity, 1. Total, 47.

It was agreed that 58 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

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