

Bedford Fenwick (Great Britain), President; Miss L. L. Dock (United States), Hon. Secretary; Miss M. A. Snively (Canada), Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Vice-Presidents, appointed under Article II, section 4, of the Constitution, which we publish in full below, are:—

For Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; Miss E. C. Sandford, late Lady Superintendent City Hospital, Edinburgh; Miss M. Huxley, late Matron Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and President Irish Nurses' Association.

For Federated Australia.—Miss S. B. McGahey, late Lady Superintendent Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

For Canada.—Miss M. A. Snively, Lady Superintendent General Hospital, Toronto.

For India.—Miss C. R. Mill, Lady Superintendent St. George's Hospital, Bombay.

For New Zealand.—Miss Keith Payne, late Matron Wellington Hospital.

For Tasmania.—Miss Milne, Lady Superintendent Launceston Hospital.

For Germany.—Fraulein Hedwig von Schlichting, Lady Superintendent General Hospital, Hamburg.

For Holland.—Mej Krussse, Lady Superintendent Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam.

For Italy.—Miss Turton, Directress, Casa di Cura, Florence.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED JULY, 1900.

PREAMBLE.

We, nurses of all nations, sincerely believing that the best good of our profession will be advanced by greater unity of thought, sympathy and purpose, do hereby band ourselves in a confederation of workers to further the efficient care of the sick, and to secure the honour and the interests of the nursing profession.

That we may more successfully prosecute this work we adopt the following Constitution:—

ARTICLE I.

1. The Federation shall be called the International Council of Nurses.

OBJECTS.

Objects of the International Council of Nurses.

- (a) To provide a means of communication between the nurses of all nations, and to afford facilities for the interchange of international hospitality.
- (b) To provide opportunities for nurses to meet together from all parts of the world, to confer upon questions relating to the welfare of their patients and their profession.

ARTICLE II.

HON. OFFICERS.

The Hon. Officers shall be Trained Nurses, and the elected Hon. Officers shall be *ex officio* Members of all Committees.

1. A President. 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.

2. Vice-Presidents. The Presidents for the time being of National Councils of Nurses affiliated to the International Council shall hold the position of Vice-Presidents.

3. Hon. Vice-Presidents. In all countries where a National Council of Nurses is not already organised, or federated with the International Council, some representative nurse shall be elected by the Executive Committee to represent her country

as Honorary Vice-President of that country on the International Council until such time as a National Council shall be fully organised, and eligible for membership on the International Council.

5. Councillors. The Councillors shall be the Foundation Members of the International Council of Nurses.

6. An Honorary Treasurer.

7. An Honorary Secretary.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

Any National Council of Nurses formed of representative societies and institutions of nurses, provided that their Constitution be in harmony with the basis of the Constitution of the International Council, may become a member of the International Council, with the approval of the Executive, and by the payment of £1 per year for each of the four representatives deputed to act as delegates on the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses.

ARTICLE IV.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected Hon. Officers, the Vice-Presidents, and Hon. Presidents.

ARTICLE V.

THE GRAND COUNCIL.

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.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings of the International Council of Nurses.

The International Council of Nurses shall hold Quinquennial Meetings, at which the President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary for the ensuing quinquennial period shall be appointed. Five shall form a quorum.

At the Grand Council, the Hon. Officers and the officially appointed delegates who compose the Council will alone have power to vote on the business brought before it.

All business to be brought before the Council must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as a notice of motion.

ARTICLE VII.

PUBLIC CONGRESS.

At any Public Congress on Nursing convened by the International Council of Nurses, those eligible to vote must be trained nurses who are members of Societies affiliated to the International Council of Nurses.

ARTICLE VIII.

FEES.

The Annual Dues shall be £1 a year per delegate for every Society which is affiliated to the International Council of Nurses which has the privilege of representation on the International Council.

ARTICLE IX.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Executive Committee shall carry out all the arrangements for the Quinquennial business Meeting, but may depute to a Special Committee of Arrangements in the country where a Congress is going to be held the details of its organisation.

ARTICLE X.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered, or amended, by a majority vote of the Council, at any quinquennial meeting, printed notice thereof having been sent to each member of the Council at least three months prior to such meeting,

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