

6. Applications for Membership or Associateship shall be made upon forms provided for that purpose; and the election shall be determined by vote at a Meeting of the Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and after due inquiry.—Proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seconded by Miss Robertson.

7. The Honorary Offices of the Council shall be a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen (one of whom shall retire annually in rotation and not be eligible for re-election for at least one year), and an Honorary Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer. The Honorary Officers shall be elected at the Council Meeting in October of each year.—Proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seconded by Miss Hogg.

8. That the Council shall meet once a quarter in the months of October, January, April, and July.—Proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seconded by Miss Ridley.

9. The Council Meeting, in October, shall elect twenty Members to form an Executive Committee (one-fourth of whom shall retire annually in rotation), which shall carry on the business of the Society, and shall organize such Meetings and Congresses as it may be decided to hold.—Proposed by Miss Robertson, seconded by Miss Rogers.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet once in each month, or as often as may be necessary, at such times and places as may be decided upon, to receive applications for Membership and Associateship, and do such other business as may be necessary.—Proposed by Miss Hogg, seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

11. No new bye-law may be made, nor may any standing bye-law be amended or rescinded, except at Council Meetings, nor unless full notice of such proposed alteration, addition or omission, shall have been given to every Member upon the notice convening the said Meeting.—Proposed by Miss Butler, seconded by Mrs. Okell.

The Chairman then put the Bye-Laws *en bloc* to the Meeting, and they were passed unanimously.

The Council then proceeded to elect the Honorary Officers and the Executive Committee. The following names were proposed subject to their consent to act:—

Chairman—

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Vice-Chairmen—

Mrs. Strong, Royal Infirmary Glasgow.
Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Miss Pauline Peter, Inspector of Queen's Nurses.

Secretary & Treasurer—

Mrs. Launcelot Andrews.

Executive Committee—

Royal Navy Nursing Service	Miss Louisa Hogg.
Army Nursing Service	Miss Sidney Browne.
General Metropolitan Hospitals.	Mrs. Coster. Miss Medill. Miss Wedgewood.
Provincial Hospitals	... Miss Violet Clarke, Chichester. Miss Cureton, Cambridge. Miss Hopkins, Plymouth. Miss Rogers, Leicester. Miss Wingfield, Macclesfield.
Poor Law Infirmarys	... Miss Hughes, Kensington.
Children's Hospitals	... Miss Catherine J. Wood.
Fever Hospitals	... Miss Ross.
Women's Hospitals	... Miss Eliza Cartwright, New Hospital for Women.
Home Hospitals and Private Nursing.	Miss Amy Robertson. Miss Georgiana Turner. Miss M. Duffus.

Sixty-seven new members of the Council were then elected.

A desire having been expressed that all Papers read before the Matrons' Council should be printed and distributed amongst the members, the Editor of the NURSING RECORD courteously placed space in that journal at the disposal of the Council; and it was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Sec. should furnish an official report to the NURSING RECORD of any business which it was considered advisable to bring to the notice of the members.

The Meeting then adjourned.

The first Conference of the Matrons' Council took place at 8.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 1st November, at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandos Street, W., when Mrs. Strong, the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, read a paper entitled "The Method of Training Nurses at the Royal Infirmary Glasgow, and a Plea for Uniformity in the Education of Nurses," which was followed by an instructive discussion in which Miss Isla Stewart, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Mollett, Miss Annesley Kenealy, Miss Wingfield, Dr. Coupland, Mr. Walsham, and Dr. Bedford Fenwick took part. Mrs. Strong, having replied, then proposed the following Resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Meeting it is necessary that an Act of Parliament should be sought for to provide for the uniform training, the uniform examination, and the legal registration of Nurses."

This was seconded by Miss Henrietta Kenealy, and was carried unanimously.

Tea and Coffee were served in the Library, and all present expressed themselves deeply indebted to Mrs. Strong for coming so far to read her most thoughtful and inspiring paper.

MAUD ANDREWS,
Hon. Secretary Matrons' Council.

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