

As Mr. Meinhertzagen has clearly stated the matter, "if enquired into," was sufficiently serious to call for the resignation of the official in the wrong, it is extraordinary that he should pretend that it can be regarded as trivial. The Chelsea Board of Guardians are doing a serious wrong to themselves by refusing to permit any enquiry to be made, because it is clear that they are thereby afraid of the truth being known.

The Danish National Council of Nurses.

As we have reported in a previous issue, before attending the International Congress of Women in London, as a delegate from Denmark, Mrs. Norrie, was asked by upwards of 100 Danish nurses to make all enquiries in relation to nursing organization in England and other countries. This duty she faithfully performed, and upon her return home she invited the leading Matrons and nurses in Copenhagen to a meeting on the 21st of July last, at which she gave information respecting the training and status of nurses, and of nursing organization as she found it in England, and also in the United States and other countries.

MRS. NORRIE laid before the meeting a report of the important event which took place at the Matrons' Council Conference, the proposal by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to form an International Council of Nurses, of duly elected Nurse Delegates, from National Councils of Nurses, and explained the benefit of such international affiliation and professional intercourse, reporting that she herself had been appointed as one Danish representative upon the Provisional Committee, and that another representative should be elected as soon as Danish nurses could meet together for the purpose.

THE meeting then unanimously agreed to form a union of nurses, to be called "The Danish National Council of Nurses," and proceeded to draw up a code of Bye-Laws to govern the Council of Nurses for the forthcoming eighteen months, by which time it is hoped that the constitution of the International Council of Nurses will have been formally adopted. With one exception all the Matrons and nurses present agreed to join the National Council.

THE meeting then proceeded to elect the first Board, composed as follows:—

President—Mrs. Charlotte Norrie.

Vice-President—Mrs. Bodil Hellfach, Matron of the Town Hospital.

Treasurer—Miss Agnes Andresen, Matron of the Frederiks Hospital.

Secretary—Miss Emma Levy, Matron of the Branch of the Town Hospital.

Registrars—Miss Henriette Eyndhoven, Staff Nurse at the Town Hospital, and Miss Inger Thomsen, Nurse at the Frederiks Hospital.

IN a short address issued "To Danish Nurses" it is stated: "Whilst inviting all those who fulfil the conditions required to join the Danish National Council of Nurses, we feel convinced that all agree with us that we are greatly in need of a place where we nurses can meet and talk over all matters connected with our profession, where we can discuss our own affairs and the faults and deficiencies existing in them, and where we may take into consideration whatever new proposals may be brought forward."

UP till October the 1st this year, nurses with two years' training will be admitted, under the condition that they will go through a third year's training. After the 1st of October all nurses admitted as members of the National Council will be required to have had three years' training.

AWAITING the meeting of the Provisional Committee of the International Council, in the summer of 1900, it was further decided to call meetings in October of next year, at which the Regulations of the Danish Council will be discussed, so that they shall come into force in the beginning of the new century. At a meeting to be held in the forthcoming October a delegate will be appointed to attend the meeting to which the constitution of the International Council will be submitted. This meeting will be held in Paris or in London, as is found most convenient for the greater number of international representatives, of which due notice will be given.

THE Provisional Bye-Laws adopted at the meeting convened by Mrs. Norrie are eminently just and practical, and we congratulate the Committee on placing before Danish nurses the necessity for them to adopt the three years' standard for their term of training. Soon we hope that a minimum standard of theoretical and practical knowledge will be decided upon, and adopted in every country where nursing hopes to take professional rank.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)