

and pray you kindly to express my sincere and most grateful thanks to your Committee. With all good wishes,

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
J. P. REYNVAAN.

The Hon. Secretary also announced that news had been received from Miss McGahey (Hon. Member, and Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney), that a meeting, convened by her, of the graduate nurses of the Hospital, had been held to consider the formation of a League of Prince Alfred trained nurses. The idea was approved by those present, and it was suggested that the League should be called the "Prince Alfred Hospital Graduates' Union." Information had also been received from Miss McGahey that the newly-formed New South Wales Trained Nurses' Association was henceforth to be known as the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, as so many nurses from other colonies were applying for membership.

REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary then made the following report:—

I have to report that the Executive Committee met on December 8th and re-cast the Bye-laws for the consideration of the Council to-day. A resolution was passed nominating Miss Julian (Matron of the Croydon Infirmary), and Mrs. Andrews (late Lady Superintendent of Gordon House Home Hospital) for seats on the Nursing Directory Sub-Committee. Both these ladies have consented to accept office. The Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the Hon. Secretary were asked to act as a Sub-Committee to consider upon what basis a National Council of Nurses could be advantageously organized, and consented to do so.

The Nursing Directory Sub-Committee met on December 8th. Ninety-five applications were accepted for admission to the Directory from nurses who fulfilled the requirements of the Matrons' Council of holding a three years' certificate from a hospital of 100 beds and upwards. Three applications were referred back for further enquiry, and one was rejected as ineligible. Since this meeting, twenty-eight more applications have been received.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were received from Miss K. Maud Moore (Matron of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road), Miss Amy Frances Lang (Superintendent of Nursing, The Infirmary Hampstead), Miss S. Emily Polden (Matron, Royal United Hospital, Bath).

It was proposed from the Chair, and carried unanimously, that these applications be accepted.

BYE-LAWS.

The Draft Bye-laws, drawn up by the Executive Committee for the consideration of the Council, were then considered, and the following were adopted as the Bye-laws of the Society:—

1. The name of the Society shall be the "Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland (an Association of Superintendents of Trained Nurses)."

2. The objects of the Society shall be:—

- (a) To enable Members to take counsel together upon matters affecting their profession.
- (b) To bring about a uniform system of Education, Examination, Certification and State Registration for Nurses in British Hospitals.
- (c) To hold Conferences to discuss subjects of professional, and also of general interest.

3. The Society shall be formed of active and Hon. Members.

4. Women who are, or have been, Matrons of Hospitals, and Superintendents of Nursing Institutions, who are Trained Nurses, shall be eligible for Membership.

5. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon distinguished British, Colonial and Foreign Nurses by the Council at their discretion.

6. The Annual Subscription shall be Five Shillings, payable on the 1st January.

7. Applications for Membership shall be made upon forms provided for that purpose, and the election shall be determined by a vote at a Meeting of the Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, after due enquiry.

8. The Honorary Officers shall consist of:—

- (a) A President, who shall preside at all Meetings when present.
- (b) Councillors, who shall not exceed six in number.
- (c) Three Vice-Chairmen, one of whom shall retire annually, and who shall be eligible to be elected a Councillor when a vacancy occurs.
- (d) An Hon. Secretary, who shall combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

9. The Hon. Officers shall be ex-officio Members of all Committees.

10. The Council shall meet once a quarter in the months of January, April, July and October.

11. The Executive Committee shall consist of twenty Members, who shall carry on the business of the Society, and shall organize such Meetings and Conferences as it shall be decided to hold. One-fourth of the Members shall retire annually in rotation, and these vacancies shall be filled at the Council Meeting in January. The Council

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