

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CERTIFICATED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall be "The National League of Certificated Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the National League shall be:—

1. To establish and maintain a Code of Ethics.
2. To elevate the standard of Nursing Education.
3. To promote the usefulness and honour, the financial and other interests of the Nursing Profession.

ARTICLE III.—ELIGIBILITY.

Associations of Nurses having the following qualifications shall be eligible for affiliation with the National League:—

1. Associations composed of graduates of Schools of Nursing connected with General Hospitals of not less than 50 beds, giving three years' full training in the wards of the Hospital, and certification after examination.
2. Associations composed of graduates of Schools of Nursing connected with Poor Law Infirmaries of not less than 200 beds, giving three years' full training in the wards of the Infirmary, and certification after examination, and whose Training Schools are recognized by the Local Government Board.
3. Professional Associations of Nurses, formed for the benefit of nurses, the members of which hold the qualifications of training as defined above.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Membership of the National League shall be confined to Trained Nurses as defined above, and divided into Members, Active Members, and Honorary Members. Members shall consist of all Members of the affiliated Associations. Active Members shall consist of delegates duly elected to represent these Associations on the Grand Council of the National League, and shall include all Hon. Officers of the National League. Hon. Members shall consist only of Nurses who have rendered distinguished service to the Nursing Profession.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The Hon. Officers of the National League shall be a President, first and second Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio members of all Committees.

ARTICLE VI.—GOVERNMENT.

*Grand Council.*

1. The National League shall be governed by

a Grand Council composed of duly appointed delegates from affiliated Associations, and the Hon. Officers.

2. Societies affiliated to the National League shall have the right to representation by delegation on the Grand Council as follows:—Each Association of under a hundred members shall have the right to depute one delegate; over one hundred, and up to three hundred members, two delegates; and over three hundred members, three delegates, after which there shall be no increase of representation.

3. The Grand Council shall meet annually for the transaction of business, when the Honorary Officers, who shall form the Executive Committee, shall be elected.

*Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Honorary Officers. It shall meet from time to time for the transaction of business, and shall report annually to the Grand Council.

ARTICLE VII.—CODE OF ETHICS.

The Code of Ethics of the National League shall be binding upon all members.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

No addition or amendment shall be made to the Constitution at an Annual Meeting unless such addition or amendment be formally proposed and seconded by members of the National League at the said meeting nor unless notice shall have been given in writing, to the Secretary, of the full text of the proposed Resolution, by registered letter, at least three weeks previously, for insertion upon the Agenda of the said Meeting. Such addition or amendment must be carried by a majority vote of two-thirds of those present at the Meeting.

A Sub-Committee has been appointed to draw up in a concise form the case for State Registration of Nurses.

The Badge of the Society has been sent to the Honorary Members, and very cordial letters of acknowledgement have been received.

The most cordial relations exist between the Matrons' Council and the American Society of Superintendents, and the Council desires to express its thanks and indebtedness to its American colleagues for the copy of their 7th Annual Report, which it much appreciates, and to offer its most sincere congratulations upon the fine record of work which it embodies.

An invitation has been received by the President, from the Committee convening the Congress of Nurses to be held at Buffalo in September, 1901, inviting the Members to send a delegate to this Congress.

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