

*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, 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 recognised 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 shall 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.

#### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

At the time of the formation of the National League of Certificated Nurses, it was felt that in the near future the federation of the Matrons' and Nurses' National Societies, that is to say, of the Matrons' Council and the National League, was advisable under a few articles of association.

Quite recently it has been agreed "that the National Council of Nurses be formed of the Hon. Officers of the Matrons' Council, and of the National League of Certificated Nurses in equal proportions of at least twelve representatives of each body." This Society will answer to the American Federation of Nurses, and a means is thus provided for nurses of the United Kingdom to take their place in the International Council of Nurses.

Important functions of the National Council in each country would be to develop an interest in professional matters, and to disseminate information with regard to them, to organize and guide nursing movements, to obtain nursing legislation, to act as the mouthpiece of the nursing profession in its relations with medical bodies, and lastly to be the recognised medium for the conduct of business with the International Council of Nurses.

#### SOCIETIES OF ASSOCIATED WORKERS.

The Midwives' Institute of London, associates midwives for their professional benefit. The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses provides for the training, examination, and co-operation of masseuses, and is doing most useful work.

The Association of Asylum Workers is formed of the Medical Superintendents and Matrons, and the male and female attendants working in asylums for the insane.

#### NURSING LITERATURE.

Professional Literature is a powerful influence in the formation of a profession, and an interesting phase in nursing progress has been the development of a nursing press. It is an undeniable fact that the only nursing papers which are of any real value to nurses are those which are edited by members of their own profession. Of this class is the NURSING RECORD, and it is significant that it is the only paper which professes to deal with professional matters which has consistently placed before the English nursing world the necessity for a defined educational curriculum, and for State Registration of Nurses by Act of Parliament, thus inspiring nurses with a sense of their responsibilities both to the public and to each other.

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