

The second resolution was proposed by Miss Todd and seconded by Lady Hermione Blackwood.

Some discussion took place as to the number of delegates it was desirable should be appointed by each League. Miss Stewart pointed out that it was important that a sufficient number should be appointed so that some members from each League might always be present at meetings of the Provisional Committee. Miss Pell Smith proposed six; this was seconded by Miss Cameron and carried, as was also the resolution.

The third resolution was proposed by Miss Morgan and seconded by Miss J. A. Smith. On the proposition of Miss Todd, seconded by Miss Turner, the number 3,000 was raised to 5,000, and with this alteration the resolution was carried unanimously.

Miss Stewart in her concluding remarks congratulated the meeting on the afternoon's work, which she believed would have very far-reaching consequences. She spoke of the belief of Mrs. May Wright Sewall that from the international combination would be achieved the greatness of the peoples and the salvation of the world. It was a splendid belief.

From association, said Miss Stewart, came that sense of professionalism which inculcated a high standard of conduct obtainable in no other way. Higher standards of conduct and ethics were produced by the cultivation of a feeling of personal responsibility than by the enforcement of any laws which could be laid down. She said also that Miss Rogers, of Leicester, whose personality, and position in the provincial nursing world commanded so much respect, and whose absence all regretted, had written, concerning affiliation, "Anything is good that tends to break down the narrow parochialism of English nursing systems," a view with which she fully concurred.

In further discussion it was agreed that those present, in reporting on the proceedings to the various societies which they represented, should ask their Executive Committees to nominate six delegates to act on the Provisional Committee, and communicate their names to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick within the next month or six weeks, so that the Committee might be fully constituted before the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses. It was found that members of every society in the room had arranged to go to Berlin in June, and it was considered very desirable that the representatives nominated on to the Provisional Committee should include in each case one who hoped to be present; this would add to the subsequent efficiency of the Committee, and the delegate would be able to stimulate interest by bringing back to her Society a full account of the proceedings.

The meeting, which from first to last was characterised by enthusiasm, spirit, and unanimity, then terminated, after a vote of thanks had been proposed to Miss Stewart for convening and presiding at it, by Miss Pell Smith.

The International Council of Nurses.

Many nurses are at present desiring information as to the International Council of Nurses. It will be of interest, therefore, to recall that it was founded in London in 1899, and that a year later its officers were elected on the vote of members in Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, and Denmark. They are Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (Great Britain), President; Miss L. L. Dock (United States), Hon. Secretary; Miss M. A. Snively (Canada), Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Vice-Presidents appointed under Article II., section 4, of the Constitution, which we publish in full below, are:—

For Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; Miss E. C. Sandford, late Lady Superintendent City Hospital, Edinburgh; Miss M. Huxley, late Matron Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and President Irish Nurses' Association.

For Federated Australia.—Miss S. B. McGahey, late Lady Superintendent Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

For Canada.—Miss M. A. Snively, Lady Superintendent General Hospital, Toronto.

For India.—Miss C. R. Mill, Lady Superintendent St. George's Hospital, Bombay.

For New Zealand.—Miss Keith Payne, late Matron Wellington Hospital.

For Tasmania.—Miss Milne, Lady Superintendent Launceston Hospital.

For Germany.—Fraulein Hedwig von Schlichting, Lady Superintendent General Hospital, Hamburg.

For Holland.—Mej Kruyssen, Lady Superintendent Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam.

For Italy.—Miss Turton, Directress, Casa di Cura, Florence.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED JULY, 1900.

PREAMBLE.

We, nurses of all nations, sincerely believing that the best good of our profession will be advanced by greater unity of thought, sympathy, and purpose, do hereby band ourselves in a confederation of workers to further the efficient care of the sick, and to secure the honour and the interests of the nursing profession.

That we may more successfully prosecute this work we adopt the following Constitution:—

ARTICLE I.

1. The Federation shall be called the International Council of Nurses.

OBJECTS.

Objects of the International Council of Nurses.
(a) To provide a means of communication between the nurses of all nations, and to afford facilities for the interchange of international hospitality.

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