

are recognised by the Local Government Board as major training schools.

3. Professional Associations of Nurses formed for the benefit of nurses, the members of which hold qualifications of training acceptable to the Council.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Membership.*

Membership of the National Council of Nurses shall be confined to Trained Nurses as defined above.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Hon. Officers.*

The Hon. Officers must be members of the National Council, and shall be a President 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and six Directors.

Presidents who have rendered distinguished services to the Council may be elected Hon. Presidents.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Election of the Hon. Officers.*

The President shall be elected for a term of three years.

The Vice-Presidents shall be elected for a term of three years, one to retire annually.

The Directors shall be elected for a term of three years, two to retire annually.

These Officers shall not be eligible for re-election within one year of their retirement.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Government.*

GRAND COUNCIL.—1. The National Council 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 Council shall have the right to representation by delegation on the Grand Council as follows:—

A. The Presidents for the time being of all the Leagues and Societies affiliated in the National Council.

B. Duly appointed delegates from affiliated Societies.

C. The Hon. Officers.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Election of Delegates.*

III. Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee each Association shall have the right to depute two delegates to serve on the Grand Council; Associations of over 400 members three delegates, over 600 members four delegates, after which there shall be no increase of representation.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *The Executive Committee.*

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Hon. Officers, the Presidents for the time being of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Irish Nurses' Association, the Scottish Nurses' Association (when formed), and the Chairmen of Standing Committees.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### *Regulation of Business.*

The Executive Committee shall meet not less than twice a year for the transaction of business, and shall report annually to the Grand Council.

The Grand Council shall meet annually, and from time to time as required. It shall, at the annual meeting, elect the Hon. Officers and transact such other business as may be necessary.

There shall be an annual meeting of members of all Societies affiliated to the National Council of Nurses.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### *Standing Committees.*

There shall be the following Advisory Committees of three members to assist the Executive Committee. Navy and Army Nursing, Poor Law Nursing, District Nursing, School Nursing, Private and Home Hospital Nursing, Convalescent and Sanatoria, Prison Nursing, Mental Nursing, Fever Nursing, Obstetric Nursing, Hospitality, Library. The Standing Committees shall not be more than twelve in number.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### *Fees.*

1. Associations of Nurses, on joining the National Council of Nurses, shall pay an affiliation fee of one guinea.

2. Each Association affiliated to the National Council of Nurses shall pay annually a fee of 5s. for each delegate appointed by it to serve on the Council.

Miss E. C. Barton having signified that she would be unable, owing to pressure of work, to continue to act as Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Cutler, Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was elected to act as Provisional Hon. Secretary, to communicate with the affiliated Societies.

It was decided that the first meeting of the new body should be called for Friday, May 1st, prior to which it was hoped the affiliated Societies would meet and nominate their delegates so that the nomination papers for the Hon. Officers might be sent to them.

It was resolved to send a copy of the Constitution adopted, and a report of the business transacted to the official organs of the Societies represented on the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses.

BEATRICE CUTLER,  
*Provisional Hon. Secretary.*

A Roscommon woman, Mrs. M. A. Nelson, has just died at Carrick-on-Shannon at the age of 103 years. Her maiden name was Cullen, and when a young woman she married an army tailor named Connor, who was killed in the Crimean war. Mrs. Nelson worked as a nurse through the whole Crimean campaign on Miss Nightingale's staff. She was in receipt of a pension of £24 a year.

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