

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the N.C.T.N. was held in the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., on Thursday, November 27th. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presided at the business meetings morning and afternoon, and Miss Helen Pearse took the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Miss E. M. Musson, at the Isla Stewart Oration. The meetings were well attended all day, and there was abundant evidence of the keen interest taken by all present in the various matters brought before them for discussion. Space will not permit in one issue of the JOURNAL of a full report of the whole proceedings. The important papers will therefore be fully reported in future issues.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Chairman announced, and the meeting learned with regret, that owing to illness the Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Cutler, was unable to be present to take part in the proceedings, and that Miss M. Breay had consented to act as hon. secretary for the day. The following telegram was at once sent to Miss Cutler:—"The members of the N.C.T.N. deeply regret your absence, and send affectionate regards.—Fenwick, President."

The minutes were then read and confirmed. Many letters from members regretting absence were received—one from Miss Musson, who deeply regretted that owing to illness she was unable to be present and preside at the "Isla Stewart Oration," in which she said, "The work done for our profession by my late Matron and friend cannot be forgotten by anyone to whom the welfare of the profession is dear, and I should have liked to show my appreciation of it by my presence at the Oration."

### ANNUAL REPORT.

The principal points mentioned in the Report were that the Council, which had been working tentatively for the past five years, had now arranged to hold an Annual Conference in June (except in the year of the meeting of the International Council of Nurses) as well as the meeting for the transaction of business in November. That the first Conference, organized by the Irish Nurses' Association, one of the affiliated societies of the Council, had been held in Dublin in last June, and was most successful. The Matrons' Council, and the Society for the

State Registration of Trained Nurses, affiliated societies, had been represented on the deputation organized by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses which waited upon the Prime Minister in April last, the former by Miss L. V. Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, and Miss R. Cox-Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, the latter by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Breay.

Sir Victor Horsley, who addressed the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in July, asked whether it would not be possible, through the members of the Nurses' Leagues, to set to work to get the name of every practising nurse in support of State Registration. The Report added that the suggestion merited consideration by the National Council to which the Leagues were affiliated.

It was further reported that Miss Breay acted as the Council's delegate to the meeting of the National Council of Women at Hull, and voted according to the instructions received. The Report also mentioned that the Council was desirous of raising the sum of £150 for the endowment of the Isla Stewart Oration in perpetuity.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Miss Forrest, who presented the financial statement, reported a balance of £11 3s. 9d. in hand at the close of the financial year.

The report was adopted, and it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to consider the best method of carrying out Sir Victor Horsley's suggestion of procuring support to a Nurses' Petition in favour of State Registration.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to both the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for their work, the President pointing out that not only did they do the work, but that many items of expenditure incurred by the Hon. Secretary never found their way into the accounts.

### ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

*Vice-President.*—Miss M. Huxley, President Irish Nurses' Association, was elected in the place of Miss A. Carson-Rae, who retired in rotation as substitute for the late Mrs. Kildare-Treacy.

*Directors.*—Miss L. V. Haughton, Matron Guy's Hospital, was elected in the place of Miss Cox-Davies, Matron Royal Free Hospital, and Miss A. Carson-Rae, in the place of Miss B. Kelly, both of whom retired in rotation.

*Delegates.*—Miss E. M. Barber and Miss Mabel Hookway were elected delegates on to the Council, upon the nomination of the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.

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