

its Executive to the Matrons' Council to appoint a delegate to attend a Round Table Conference on February 5th, to consider the possibility of achieving greater co-ordination between the various nurses' societies and so to add to the force behind the Charter of the Corporation, in order to make it productive of the greatest good of the greatest number, was received.

It was resolved to accept the invitation, and the President agreed to act as the delegate of the Council. In the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing her doing so, one of the Hon. Officers was deputed to act.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following Resolution, moved by Miss H. L. Pearse and seconded by Miss Winmill, was carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting regrets that the organised Societies of Trained Nurses affiliated to the N.U.W.W. are not represented on the Executive Committee, and begs to suggest that the Committee for the revision of the Constitution will recommend that expert nursing opinion shall be available on the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.W."

#### THE WORK OF THE F.F.N.C.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick gave a brief but most interesting account of the work of the French Flag Nursing Corps, in the French War Zone and elsewhere, and showed photographs of the Sisters and their surroundings. The Corps was founded by Miss Grace Ellison in 1914.

The members then adjourned for tea.

ANNIE E. HULME,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We learn that there is much interest amongst nurses in the Meeting to be held on Friday, February 8th in the Royal Institution, Liverpool. Dr. E. W. Hope, M.O.H., will take the Chair. We hope the speakers will encourage, and reply to questions, as there is no doubt the misleading statements issued to the profession by lay speakers and their Press on the present situation need clearing up.

### IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on February 2nd at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. The President, Miss O'Flynn, in the Chair.

Letters were read from the National Union of Trained Nurses and Scottish Nurses' Association expressing their appreciation of the action of the I.N.A. in admitting all their members as Hon. Members of the I.N.A.

The Annual Social Meeting was fixed for March 16th, when it is hoped to have a fancy-dress dance.

### SUBSIDISED PRESS STILL BOYCOTTS NURSING OPINION.

The British Women's Hospital Committee continue to insert wide columns of "ads." in the London press begging for the "Nation's Fund for Nurses." We learn that the Fund is not very popular with the public, as they realise that now is not the time to give £250,000 (the sum asked for) to academic institutions. We have not yet received any reply from Lady Cowdray as to the amount (a huge sum, we hear) she is expending on her advertisement campaign. Any way, the subsidised press is closed as tight as wax to the opinion of the "Nation's Nurses" on their own affairs. Before the obnoxious scheme was made public the B.W.H.C. was assured there would be "no controversy." We shall see.

### THE "DISMISSAL" OF MRS. KEIRO-WATSON.

The "combine" of the Anglo-French Hospitals Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, and the Comité de Londres of the French Red Cross, desirable as in our opinion it is, has not been accomplished without friction, owing to the discourteous lack of consideration with which the departmental heads of women's sections can be treated, apparently without protest, by the Joint War Committee.

First, Dame Katherine Furse, R.R.C., felt compelled to resign as Commandant-in-Chief of the V.A.D.s, and now we learn that Mrs. Keiro-Watson, R.R.C., considers herself "summarily dismissed" by Sir Arthur Stanley from the position of Chief Matron of the Anglo-French Department, B.R.C.

When the transfer of the Anglo-French Hospitals Department from 83, Pall Mall to 9, Knightsbridge, was agreed upon—to be known as the British Committee of the French Red Cross—Mrs. Watson states that she was informed by Sir Arthur Stanley that, although the work would in future be carried on at the offices of the French Red Cross, it would still be a part of the British Red Cross, and that her responsibility would still be to that Society; under this understanding all arrangements were made to transfer the voluntary staff, and the files, when only the evening before Mrs. Watson was informed by the Director-General of the French Red Cross that as soon as the transfer had taken place, the department would be taken over entirely by the united Committee (Anglo-French B.R.C. and Comité de Londres C.R.F.). This arrangement Mrs. Watson considered was so contrary to her instructions that she thought it necessary to obtain further instructions from Sir Arthur Stanley.

In this connection a point of the greatest importance arose at once in reference to the files.

These files contain very confidential docu-

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