

Delegates present to consider this matter and to notify Miss Cutler in the course of the next month if there were any questions they or the organisations they represented would like discussed. She mentioned that the late Mrs. Hampton Robb had been very desirous that the question of an International Standard of Nursing Education should be furthered by the I.C.N.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The applications of three organisations of nurses for affiliation with the National Council were then received and considered.

1. The London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League. President, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.; Hon. Secretary, Miss Ethel M. Moore.

Miss Elma Smith moved and Miss Child seconded that the application be approved. Agreed.

2. The Professional Union of Trained Nurses. President, Miss Beatrice Kent; Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Maude MacCallum.

In reply to an enquiry from Miss Waind, the President said that although Nursing was a profession, its economic side was very important. In the mind of some nurses, Trades Unionism was associated entirely with strikes, but more and more the value of strikes was being discounted, and arbitration by bodies on which the representatives of the employers and employed came together on equal terms was taking their place.

The National Council of Trained Nurses was a body on which all classes of opinion within the Nursing Profession should be represented.

It was then proposed by Miss H. Hawkins, seconded by Miss M. Lord, that the application be approved. Agreed.

3. The Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League. President, Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, R.R.C.

It was proposed by Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., and seconded by Miss J. C. Child, that the application be approved. Agreed.

The President said it was a great pleasure to welcome this League, as, though since the foundation of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses in 1899, a number of similar societies of nurses had been organised in this country, it was a new departure in Scotland, and she hoped other Scottish Nursing Schools would follow the example of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

RESIGNATION OF HON. TREASURER.

The next business was to receive the resignation of the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Christina Forrest, which was received with very great regret. The President reminded the Council that Miss Forrest had acted in this capacity since 1904, and had done wonderful work, bringing to it a great enthusiasm and conserving the funds of the Council.

It was moved by Miss M. McDonald, President of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League, and seconded by Miss E. B. Kingsford, that Miss Forrest's resignation be accepted with deep regret, and that Miss M. Breay be invited to fill the position thus vacated. This was agreed.

The President asked Miss McDonald to convey

to Miss Forrest the love of the National Council, and its grateful thanks for her fine pioneer work. This Miss McDonald undertook to do, and added that Miss Forrest wished her to say she was not lazy, the spirit was as willing as ever, it was only the flesh that was weak.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Miss Breay, who has recently been acting as Hon. Treasurer, presented the Annual Report, showing a balance of £17 16s. 3d., the expenditure for the year amounting to £10 12s.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

The following Hon. Officers were then elected, in place of those retiring in rotation:--

Vice-Presidents: Miss G. A. Rogers (Hon. President Royal Infirmary Leicester Nurses' League), Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, R.R.C. (President Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League), Miss M. Huxley (Past President Irish Nurses' Association).

Directors: Miss R. E. Wallace, R.R.C. (President Southwark Hospital Nurses' League), Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C. (President London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League).

Hon. Secretary: Miss Beatrice Cutler.

PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

It was hoped that all members of the Council would soon be "Registered Nurses," so that the Council (as provided in the Constitution) could substitute the title "Registered" for "Trained."

The meeting then terminated.

PROGRESS AT PADDINGTON HOSPITAL.

The authorities of Paddington Hospital (formerly Infirmary) have decided to improve the training of their Nurses by establishing a Preliminary Training School, which is to be opened on March 1st.

In future all Probationer Nurses will spend their first two months in the Preliminary Training School, under the supervision of the Sister-Tutor and her Assistant. During this period they will be taught Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene, Invalid Cookery, &c., and practical elementary nursing. These Probationers will also be shown how to clean and care for Hospital property, and under the Sister's supervision they will attend the Nurse's Sick Room, and look after any sick staff warded there. No salary will be paid during this two months, but the four years' training will be counted from the day of entry into the School.

At the Central Poor Law Conference on Wednesday, Mrs. Eustace H. Lipscomb, a trained nurse as well as a Poor Law Guardian, expressed the conviction that while the Syllabus in connection with the State Register certainly increased the strain in the competition to get nurses, if the County Union Infirmary could offer any hope of facilities for study it would attract a much better class of nurse, and a far more competent staff, than nowadays.

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