

Amended Constitution.

The principal item on the Agenda was the consideration of an amended Constitution and Application Form, which, after full discussion were unanimously adopted.

Two Resolutions, passed at the public meeting of Free Nurses' organisations in London on April 8th, were received as follows:—

RESOLUTION I.

That, owing to the determination upon the part of the lay and medical element of the General Nursing Council, supported by the College Matrons, to deprive the profession of nursing of expert help on the Standing Committees of the Council, the members of the free nurses' organisations affiliated to the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses invite the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council to proceed at the earliest possible date to include in its Constitution the object of working for a General Nursing Council composed of Registered Nurses upon the same professional basis as that of the General Medical Council, which can alone secure professional self-government.

Proposed by MRS. PAUL, Chairman of Council, Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

Seconded by MISS C. A. LITTLE, Member Royal British Nurses Association.

RESOLUTION II.

That the members of the free nurses' organisations present at this meeting, pledge themselves to combine for self protection, and for the protection of such privileges as have been granted them by Parliament in the Nurses' Registration Act. And they hereby further pledge themselves to work for the establishment of a Nursing Council composed of Registered Nurses (analogous to the General Medical Council which is composed exclusively of Registered Medical Practitioners) for the organisation and self-government of the Nursing Profession.

Proposed by MISS H. L. PEARSE, President of National Union of Trained Nurses.

Seconded by MISS A. E. HULME, Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

New Object No. 3.

It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the following new Object should be added to the Objects of the Council.

3. To obtain an amendment to the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919 (Constitution of Council), providing that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales shall consist of Registered Nurses.

The Constitution, as amended, was unanimously adopted as follows:—

THE REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

OFFICE: 431, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W. 1.
(Founded in 1902 as the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses).

The Constitution.**ARTICLE I.****NAME.**

The name of the Society shall be "The Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council."

ARTICLE II.**OBJECTS.**

1. To initiate, if necessary, legislation for the benefit of the Nursing Profession.

2. To consider, and take action, on any proposed legislation, and on the application of any Act of Parliament affecting the Nursing Profession.

3. To obtain an amendment to the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919 (Constitution of Council), providing that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales shall consist of Registered Nurses.

4. To consider questions of National Health before Parliament.

5. To use and support the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING as the official organ of the Council.

ARTICLE III.**MEMBERSHIP.**

Membership is open to all Nurses registered by the General Nursing Councils of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

ARTICLE IV.**HON. OFFICERS.**

The Hon. Officers must be members of the Council, and there shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, and an Hon. Secretary who shall act as Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.**ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.**

The President, Vice-Presidents, and the Hon. Secretary shall be elected by the members in Annual Meeting assembled, and shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE VI.**GOVERNMENT—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Council shall be governed by an Executive Committee composed of the Hon. Officers, and duly appointed Delegates from Sections of Nurses registered on the General Register and on the Supplementary Registers of Male, Mental, Sick Children's and Fever Nurses, 4 to be nominated by the General Nurses' Section and 2 by each of the Supplementary Nurses' Sections, and of members specially invited to act.

The Executive Committee shall elect the members.

ARTICLE VII.**REGULATION OF BUSINESS.**

The members shall meet annually, and from time to time as required.

The members shall at the Annual Meeting elect the previously nominated Delegates and members, to form with the Hon. Officers the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet monthly, or as often as required.

Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President at three days' notice.

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