

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED (REGISTERED) NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A Meeting of the above Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday, February 11th, the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, being in the chair. Presidents and Delegates were present from the following Leagues and Societies: The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the National Union of Trained Nurses, the Registered Nurses' Society, the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, the League of St. John's House Nurses, the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses League, Miss Elma Smith (Vice-President), Miss J. C. Child (the Delegate elected at a meeting held at Pretoria to act as Delegate of the South African Trained Nurses' Association to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses to be held at Copenhagen). The President of the London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League, and the Hon. Secretary of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses were also present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters were read from Miss Beatrice Cutler, Hon. Secretary of the Council, whose unavoidable absence was deeply regretted; from Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., President of the Matrons' Council; Miss H. Pearse, President of the National Union of Trained Nurses; Miss M. E. Carre, President of the Irish Nurses' Association; and from Miss Ramsden and Miss Livingstone Charteris, Directors, regretting their inability to be present.

NOMINATION OF DELEGATES.

Letters were also received nominating the following delegates to serve on the Council:—

From Miss E. Nicholls, Secretary of the National Union of Trained Nurses, notifying the nomination of Miss M. Lord, Miss M. L. Muriel, and Miss E. Nicholls.

From Miss R. E. Wallace, President of the Southwark Hospital Nurses' League, notifying the nomination of Miss L. M. Smith (First Assistant Matron), and Miss F. W. West (Sister-Tutor) at the Southwark Hospital.

From Mrs. Priestley Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Queen's Hospital (Birmingham) Nurses' League, notifying the nomination of Miss Ashbarry.

All the nominations were approved.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES: BUSINESS MEETING AT COPENHAGEN.

Letters were then read and considered from Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, as to the desirability of holding an interim meeting for the transaction of necessary business, including the affiliation of National Councils of Nurses waiting for admission, and the election of an Hon. Secretary.

Letters, enclosed by Miss Dock, were also read from Mrs. Henny Tscherning, President of the International Council of Nurses, notifying that the administration of the Danish Council of Nurses has unanimously approved the proposal to hold an interim meeting, and offering to have it in Copenhagen from May 22nd to May 24th.

Mrs. Fenwick said that Miss Dock was of opinion that she should retire from the post of Hon. Secretary, and that the work should be carried on by one of the younger generation of nurses. Miss Dock had acted in this capacity since the foundation of the Council in 1899, and it was her personality, her genius, the study she had made of nursing conditions in various parts of the world, her wide sympathies, and her ability and assiduity in conducting the business of the International Council of Nurses which had been such great factors in its success. We might have many able Hon. Secretaries in the future, but none would ever quite take the place of Miss Dock.

DELEGATES TO COPENHAGEN.

The nomination by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland of four delegates to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Copenhagen was then considered.

The President estimated that the inclusive cost to each Delegate would be £25. She spoke of the deep interest taken by the late Miss Isla Stewart in the International meetings, and her faith in the uplifting, illuminating, broadening influence which they had on those attending them. She thought the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Committee might sympathetically entertain a proposition to devote the interest of the Fund at its disposal this year to sending a Bart.'s nurse as an Isla Stewart Delegate to Copenhagen, as one of the four official delegates of the National Council.

It was then proposed by Miss Elma Smith, seconded by Miss Waind, and unanimously agreed, that a recommendation should be sent from the National Council to the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee to this effect.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Miss M. Lord, seconded by Miss Margaret McDonald, that Miss M. Huxley, who had notified her intention of going to Copenhagen, should be asked to act as one of the four delegates and, on the proposition of the President, that Miss Helen Pearse should be invited to act as the third. It was also resolved to consult Scotland before nominating the fourth. It was agreed that the delegates must be "Registered Nurses."

The nomination of a candidate for the position of the very important post of Hon. Secretary to the International Council was also considered.

Mrs. Tscherning had notified that if there were any questions the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain would like to have discussed at the meeting of Delegates at Copenhagen the Danish Council of Nurses would be glad to know of them as soon as possible. The President asked the

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