

tration of Nurses and the International Council of Nurses.

In the Discussion upon this Report, great indignation was expressed at the proceedings engineered by the Medical Members in the House of Commons on the previous night, when Dr. Chapple moved and Dr. Salter seconded that a humble address be presented to His Majesty praying that Rule 9 (1) (g) under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, be modified, enabling women with no hospital training to be admitted to the General Part of the Register.

Three Resolutions (published last week) were unanimously agreed to in opposition to this Prayer.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement was presented by the Hon. Treasurer (Miss M. Breay), and showed a balance in hand.

Both reports were approved.

#### ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

The election of Hon. Officers was the next item on the agenda, and Miss G. B. Macvitie, S.R.N., took the chair and asked Miss H. L. Pearse, S.R.N., to propose the election of the President.

Miss H. L. Pearse proposed that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be re-elected President; if she was willing to accept office for another three years there was no question as to whom the Council would desire in that office. The present was a time when things were difficult and the Council peculiarly needed Mrs. Fenwick's guidance as President. The motion was seconded by Miss M. L. Rimmer, S.R.N., and carried by acclamation.

On resuming the Chair and expressing her thanks for her re-election, Mrs. Fenwick said she hoped to keep the Council in touch with the Nurses of the world federated in the International Council of Nurses, which was resuming its valuable work.

*Vice-Presidents.*—The three Vice-Presidents were then elected to another term of office: Miss G. A. Rogers, S.R.N., Hon. President, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses League; Miss Steuart Donaldson, S.R.N., President, Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; and Miss M. Huxley, Past President, Irish Nurses' Association.

*Directors.*—Miss Villiers, S.R.N., R.F.N., and Miss L. Ramsden, S.R.N., were the retiring Directors; and Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N. (President, Fever Nurses' Association), and Miss A. Carson Rae (Delegate, Irish Matrons' Association), were elected to replace them, together with Miss H. L. Pearse, S.R.N.

The President notified that the resignation of Miss Beatrice Cutler, S.R.N., of the office of Hon. Secretary had been received with very great regret. It was not an easy matter to fill the vacancy, and they owed Miss Cutler sincere gratitude for many years' work for the Council. She was glad to say that Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N., had consented to take on one more piece of work and was willing to act if elected. Her election was proposed by Miss MacCallum, S.R.N., seconded by Miss E. T. Bickerton, S.R.N., and carried by acclamation.

*Hon. Treasurer.*—Miss M. Breay was unanimously elected Hon. Treasurer for another term.

*Delegates.*—The Delegates of the constituent societies were then elected.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

The application of the Irish Matrons' Association for affiliation was proposed by Miss Bushby, S.R.N., R.C.N., seconded by Miss Ramsden, S.R.N. The Association was warmly welcomed into the Council.

#### PROPOSED NEW ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES.

Miss H. L. Pearse then brought forward a proposal that some organisation should be considered which would enable all Registered Nurses to come into touch with the National Council of Nurses, who are otherwise excluded—Societies of Matrons and Nurses associated together in groups, Hospital Nurses' Leagues, &c., were eligible to be affiliated—but Registered Nurses who were not associated in any group could not be so. Many Nurses' Leagues had not yet appreciated the benefit of coming into touch and association with others, and were somewhat narrow and self-centred in their activities. National and international Associations should be within reach of every Registered Nurse, general and supplementary. Miss Pearse proposed that a Registered Nurses' Association might be organised on individual membership.

Miss A. M. Bushby seconded the proposal.

It was agreed that a sub-committee, with Miss Pearse as provisional chairman, should be elected to prepare a statement for the consideration of the National Council. The following members were elected to help Miss Pearse: Miss Muriel, S.R.N.; Miss Elma Smith, S.R.N.; Miss Lord, S.R.N.; Miss Rimmer, S.R.N.; and the hon. officers *ex officio*, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss M. Breay, and Miss I. Macdonald.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRATULATIONS.

In connection with the section of the Report which referred to the meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen, in May, 1922, it was moved by Miss J. C. Child, and seconded by Miss H. L. Pearse, and carried unanimously, that the following Resolution be sent to Baroness Mannerheim, the new President of the International Council:—

"The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, in general meeting assembled, desires to convey to the Baroness Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses, its congratulations on her election to this position at its Triennial Meeting at Copenhagen, and to express to her their earnest hope for a successful and fruitful term of office, for the further consolidation of the Council in accordance with the basic principles defined in its Constitution, and hopes for a full meeting of the Grand Council at Helsingfors in 1925, as well as an inspiring Congress."

It was also unanimously agreed to send the following Resolution to the National Councils of Nurses admitted to membership at Copenhagen, in 1922:—

"The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, in general meeting assembled,

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