

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1., on Friday, November 9th, at 4.30 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes.
2. Correspondence. Communications from:—
 - Their Highnesses Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise, and from the Secretary of State for Home Affairs *re* vote of condolence on the death of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian.
 - Baroness Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses.
 - Sister Bergliot Larsson, President, Norwegian Council of Trained Nurses.
 - The Privy Council *re* Modification Rule, Nurses' Registration Act.
 - Miss M. Thornton, R.R.C., President Irish Matrons' Association.
 - Miss Macaulay, President, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.
 - Miss Muriel Payne, Hon. Secretary, School of Nursing and Child Welfare for Russia.
 - Dr. Helen Wilson, J.P., President, Association for Moral and Social Hygiene.
 - Mrs. Hubback, Parliamentary Secretary, National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.
 - Miss Jean S. Wilson, Executive Secretary, Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.
 - Miss Adda Eldredge, President, American Nurses' Association.
 - Miss Agnes G. Deans, Secretary, American Nurses' Association.
 - The Comtesse d'Urzel, President, National Federation of Belgian Nurses.
 - Miss Cora E. Simpson, Hon. Secretary, Nurses' Association of China.
3. To receive the resignation of Miss Isabel Macdonald as Hon. Secretary of the Council, and to appoint a successor.
4. To receive the names of Delegates deputed to serve on the Council from:—
 - (a) The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.
 - (b) The Registered Nurses' Society.
5. To receive a report from:—
 - (a) Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, on the meeting of the Executive Committee, and Conference of the I.C.N. at Copenhagen.
 - (b) From Miss H. L. Pearse, Representative of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland at the Conference of the I.C.N.
6. To consider business in connection with the International Council of Nurses.
7. To send a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Tscherning, President, and the Danish Council

of Nurses, for the exceeding kindness and hospitality extended to the representative of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and to the Hon. Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses during the meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.C.N. in Copenhagen.

8. To send a similar message to Sister Bergliot Larsson, President, and other members of the Norwegian Council of Trained Nurses for their kindness and hospitality to the British representatives when passing through Norway.

9. Other business.

Tea 4 p.m.

ISABEL MACDONALD, *Hon. Secretary.*

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HOW THE COLLEGE CAUCUS CAPTURED THE COUNCIL.

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It will be remembered that in his Circular Letter addressed to the Chairmen of Hospitals on December 30th, 1915, Sir Arthur Stanley stated that "there is no unanimous feeling either amongst those responsible for the training of Nurses or amongst Nurses themselves in favour of any system of State Registration . . . and that for the time, at least, we must rely upon a voluntary scheme of co-operation amongst the Nurse Training Schools throughout the country." By April 7th, 1916, he had modified that opinion to the extent of informing a meeting of representatives of hospitals and training schools and of societies of nurses, held at St. Thomas's Hospital, with a view to discussing the formation of a Consultative Board for the College of Nursing, Ltd., that he "came into this business with an open, and entirely ignorant mind, and very soon discovered that the overwhelming feeling of the nurses in whatever grade of the profession they were, was in favour of State Registration, and he had, therefore, been constrained to put State Registration as the first of the three fundamental principles upon which the College was founded."

Meanwhile, the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses had been on the alert, and on January 15th, 1916, instructed its Executive "to seek an interview with Mr. Stanley and his advisers, on behalf of representatives of the Central Committee, and with the object of ascertaining full details concerning the proposed scheme."

Interviews took place between representatives of the College of Nursing and of the Central Committee on March 2nd, at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, and on March 24th, at 83, Pall Mall, S.W., with the object of arriving at an agreed measure.

The promoters of the College of Nursing had now an opportunity of pursuing a really statesmanlike policy for the general good. The Central Committee, which had reconciled the differences in

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