

and the three hon. officers should take steps to raise funds for this purpose, so that the best women might be selected as delegates.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.

Miss M. Breay, Treasurer, presented a report, much on the lines already published in the Journal, of the meeting of the International Executive Committee and Conference, held at Copenhagen last July. She reported that the "Statement" of the Council had been endorsed, and the attempt made personally, but not in writing, by Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman, to have the College of Nursing Ltd., affiliated to the International without consulting the National Council of Great Britain, was discussed, and the following Resolution and Rider agreed to:—

RESOLUTION.

Resolved—

"That the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, having heard the statement of its President that she has been approached by Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in regard to its relation to the International Council of Nurses, desires to inform the College of Nursing, Ltd., that the International Council of Nurses has no jurisdiction in the matter, as membership of the International Council of Nurses is confined to National Associations of Nurses, formed of representative Societies of Nurses, and that the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland is the accredited channel through which relations can be established with the International Council of Nurses."

The Rider added later was as follows:—

RIDER.

"The constitution of the College of Nursing being at present out of harmony with that of the International Council of Nurses, we venture to suggest that in case the College of Nursing, as we have been led to suppose by the inquiry its Chairman addressed verbally to the President of the International Council of Nurses, should wish for affiliation, it should make such changes in its constitution as would provide for a Board of Directors composed entirely of nurses.

"The International Council of Nurses, which is always working for unity among nurses, would welcome such a solution of the present very difficult situation in England."

Miss Breay pointed out that this business was out of order, at an Executive Meeting of the International Council, which had no jurisdiction, and that no alteration in the constitution of the International Council could be made unless by Notice of Motion upon the part of an affiliated National Council—to be placed on the Agenda and circulated three months before a Triennial Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mrs. Fenwick then proposed from the Chair that Notice of Motion be sent to Miss Reiman, Hon. Secretary of the International Council, for insertion on the Agenda of the Triennial Meeting at Helsingfors in 1925.

Proposed by the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland:—

That Miss Annie Goodrich, R.N., D.Sc., Dean of the Yale University Undergraduate School of Nursing, U.S.A., and Past-President of the Inter-

national Council of Nurses, be made an Hon. President of the International Council in recognition of her valuable services both to the International Council and to the nursing profession at large, of which she is one of the most distinguished members.

This Motion was unanimously approved.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Tscherning, President of the Danish Council of Nurses for the exceeding kindness and hospitality extended to the representative of, and to the Hon. Treasurer of, the National Council of Great Britain; and a similar message was approved to be sent 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.

The meeting then terminated.

LEAGUE NEWS.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The autumn meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held at the Great Central Hotel, Marybone, on Thursday, November 8th, at 3.15 p.m. The President, Miss Vincent, R.R.C., was in the chair. Miss Rogers, unfortunately, was unable to be present, but Miss Carpenter-Turner, A.R.R.C., Miss Strong, Miss Knaggs, R.R.C., &c., were among the company assembled.

After the Business Meeting, Miss Cummings, Lady Almoner of St. Thomas's Hospital, kindly gave a short account of the work of Lady Almoners.

She emphasised the importance of the work; how it supplemented the efforts of the doctors and nurses by making it possible for their instructions to be carried out, and, by putting the patients into touch with those agencies and charities which could best assist their needs. Almoners also helped the Hospitals by preventing much of the abuse and misuse to which they were subject, making fraud more difficult and ensuring that treatment was not wasted by neglect of necessary post-operative care.

Miss Cummings asked for the co-operation of the Nurses, in what is called, for want of a better word, "Social Work," on Relief Committees, Charity Organisation meetings, Girls' Clubs, &c., and begged that they would not be discouraged if they felt disappointed and disillusioned at first. Their experience and knowledge would be of great assistance and they would find their services heartily welcomed.

She also gave a few details as to age of suitable candidates, cost and length of training, and some of the subjects of which a knowledge was necessary for the work.

Miss Carpenter-Turner proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Cummings for her very interesting address, which was seconded by Miss Annie Hawkins, and carried unanimously.

Tea was served in the Winter Garden, and a successful meeting was brought to a close.

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