

proposed amendments shall be in possession of the Secretary at least four months before the first day of the Congress, and shall be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Grand Council.

Section 3.

Bye-laws may be adopted, amended or repealed by unanimous vote at any Regular Meeting of the Grand Council without previous notice.

N.B.—The Bye-Laws will be printed in our next issue.

SUMMARY.

On comparing the Constitutions of 1909 and 1925 it will be found that there are no fundamental differences. Members are of two classes:—(1) *Active Members*. One National Association of Nurses in each country, through which all other Associations of Nurses in that country enter into affiliation with the International Council, and (2) *Hon. Members*. Ex-Presidents of the I.C.N., and Nurses who have rendered valuable assistance to the Nursing Profession, upon whom Hon. Membership is conferred by unanimous vote of the Grand Council on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

The Governing Body is, as heretofore, the Grand Council, consisting of the Board of Directors, and the accredited Delegates from each Active Member. (The Councillors Foundation members are also, by Resolution of the Council, entitled to membership of the Grand Council for life. The Resolution passed at Helsingfors that the Officers of the Council shall be those in office in 1925, also covers this point).

The Executive Committee has been superseded by a Board of Directors, but its composition is practically the same, except that a First and Second Vice President have been added.

The office of Hon. President has now been abolished, and we have therefore five Hon. Presidents (past Presidents) who have seats carrying voting power, on the Board of Directors and Grand Council for life. They are:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the Council (Great Britain), Sister Agnes Karll (Germany), Miss A. W. Goodrich (U.S.A.), Mrs. Henny Tscherning (Denmark), Baroness Mannerheim (Finland).

The other members of the Board of Directors are:—Miss Nina D. Gage, President; Miss Clara D. Noyes, First Vice-President; Miss Jean I. Gunn, Second Vice-President; Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer; Miss C. Reimann, Secretary, and the National Representatives, the Presidents of the affiliated National Councils. They are women who form a professional Board of which the Nursing profession throughout the world may be proud.

RESIGNATION OF MISS M. BREAY.

The finances of the Council have always been managed with such thrift and skill that the resignation of Miss Breay after 21 years' service as Hon. Treasurer, caused some perturbation of mind in international circles. It is therefore with great pleasure we announce that Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C., has been elected to succeed her. Miss Musson is an excellent organiser and woman of business, and will, we feel sure, "take hold" with a steady grasp. The honorary management of the Council is now no longer possible, and has only been so for so long because the Founder Members had their hearts as well as heads set on its success. That success in the past quarter of a century has been phenomenal, and to cope with progress efficiently the finances of the Council must be placed on a business basis. The new Bye-law governing subscriptions agreed at Helsingfors, will in our opinion, require adjustment. A per capita 5 cent. levy, with a limit of £100 per annum, works out in an unsatisfactory way. The Nurses Organisations will not, we feel sure, upon reflection, be satisfied with this result of the new Bye-law, but equity will, no doubt, be secured, after the National Councils of Nurses have

considered the proposal. We agree that a limited official staff has now become necessary, for which money will be required, and we feel every confidence in Miss Musson's appreciation of the situation.

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS.

The Reality of the Spirit of Fellowship.

One great impression carried away from the Conference is the absolute unity of our nursing problems the whole world over. Everywhere nurses are trying to interpret the discoveries of science to the people, helping them to utilise them for the attainment of better health and greater efficiency. Another deep impression was the reality of the spirit of fellowship among the members of our own profession. Those of us who have had the privilege of being at Helsingfors must take back this spirit to those in our countries who had to stay at home, and all of us try to translate it into action every day.

Finland was another great discovery to most of us. We knew it as a new, small, courageous country which had done a great deal along nursing lines. But we had an inadequate idea of its beauty, and no knowledge at all of its splendid organisation in all departments of work. The hospitals are models of charm, with bright flowers everywhere, and cheerful patients. Every single nurse worked day and night to make us comfortable and happy. They were always at smiling attention in their attractive grey or blue outdoor uniforms, ready to anticipate our slightest wish. They gave up their own rooms to us, and slept miles away. No detail was unthought of. And they were ably seconded by the Government and every individual citizen of Finland, who all acted as our hosts with a never-to-be-forgotten cordiality. The organisation of public health work, and General Mannerheim's League for Child Welfare, extending to each county of the nation, is a further illustration of the executive ability of a whole body of citizens, and nurses everywhere will be interested in reading about it when the conference papers are published.

And the cleanliness of this little land! Even the peasants building new houses, build the bathroom first, and the house gradually, as they can afford it. The only dust we saw was when motor-cars stirred up the roads, dry after long days of sunshine. How long before other countries can attain such perfection?

We who were given the inestimable opportunity of being at Helsingfors, have made new friends from 33 different countries, and our lives must be richer and more useful hereafter.

NINA D. GAGE, M.A., R.N.,

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Dean, Hunan-Yale School of Nursing, Changsha,
Hunan, China.

Chairman, Committee on Education, Nurses' Association of China.

Love and Sympathy.

In a few words I am not sure that I shall be able to cover the whole impression of the Congress, but will give a very brief one.

First of all the International Congress of Nurses will do more than good to the world, and especially to Asia's 45,000,000 people. The greatest inspiration was through dear Baroness Mannerheim and her love and sympathy, and her able activity, so arrangements were easily made for the 1,049 representatives of 33 countries, who were present.

Because of her love and sympathy also all of the nurses whom she has trained, have absorbed her untired spirit, and day and night even gave up sleep or food to entertain us. I also feel the whole city was inspired by her, and entertained us also. The Government of Finland, the President of the

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