

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

When it was announced that the Select Committee of the House of Commons recommended by the Minister of Health, to "consider the rules of the General Nursing Council with regard to the prescribed training of nurses, and the reservation of seats on the Council for Matrons," had been summoned to meet on Wednesday, July 22nd, it became apparent that much as she regretted the necessity, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the International Council of Nurses, would have to forego attendance at the meeting of the I.C.N. at Helsingfors, as she had undertaken to be the principal witness to plead the cause, before the Committee, of Registered nurses who claimed (1) the right under Clause 3 (2) (a) and (b) of the Nurses' Registration Act to a Statutory Rule providing for a "prescribed training," carried out in an institution approved by the Council, as a condition of the admission of any person to the Register, and (2) free nomination of candidates for election to represent the 11 Registered nurses on the General Nursing Council, on the same principle, conceded to the representatives of nurses registered on the Special Parts of the Register, a democratic system already successfully in force in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Mrs. Fenwick therefore informed the Baroness Mannerheim, President of the I.C.N., of her sincere regret at being unable to take part in the Congress, and speeded the parting delegates at Liverpool Street, and for the first time remained at home to compile the *précis* of her evidence in support of the principles for which the "intelligent minority" in the Nursing Profession stand.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., AFFILIATED TO THE COUNCIL.

It was reported in the last issue of this JOURNAL that the College of Nursing Ltd., had applied for affiliation with the National Council, and that a Conference between three members of the Council and three members of the College would take place, the former having power to decide to accept the application, or report to the Council.

The Conference was held at 431, Oxford Street, on July 6th, and there were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair, Miss H. L. Pearce, Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss Brey for the National Council, and Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Musson, Miss Peterkin and Miss Rundle for the College.

After open discussion, and the new Rule agreed to by the Council on June 27th—that all honorary officers and appointed delegates of the Council must be registered by one of the General Nursing Councils under the Nurses' Registration Acts before they are eligible to serve—having been reported to the College delegates, the application for affiliation was agreed to.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS UP FOR CONSIDERATION AT ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER.

Owing to the holiday season no meeting of the National Council can be held until the Annual Meeting early in November, when the Official Report of the Delegates to the Meeting of the International Council at Helsingfors will be received, and very important business discussed. In the meantime organisations and Leagues of Trained Nurses should seriously consider the advisability of applying for affiliation with the National Council, so that they may participate in the great international movement for the upraising of the educational and economic conditions of the nurses of the world. Application should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Miss H. L. Pearce, N.C.T.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It is with much pleasure we announce that Mrs. Strong has been elected President of the Scottish Nurses Association. We know how well its interests will be safeguarded.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Award of the Royal Red Cross to Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught.

The news that His Majesty the King had conferred the Royal Red Cross upon Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught was received with feelings of great pleasure by all members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and Miss Elma Smith, then in charge at headquarters, sent, at the request of the nurses, a telegram conveying the congratulations of the members to their President.

All members of the Profession will be gratified by this award, for they feel that it is justified in every sense. Not only do they realise that the Princess Arthur took up nursing work very seriously during the years of war, but they consider that, by qualifying as a State Registered Nurse and by her well recognised enthusiasm for her profession, this Royal Lady has helped to promote the progress of nursing, to maintain its status and to perpetuate the great traditions established by Queens and Princesses of long past ages, in their efforts to relieve the burden of the suffering.

The supplement of the Royal British Nurses' Association is omitted this month as our chief interest is concerned with the meeting and Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors to which the Journal is largely given up.

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THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, London, was held on Saturday, July 4th, at the Hospital.

The first business on the Agenda was to receive a Report from the Scrutineers of Voting Papers as to the Election of President, and Miss Le Geyt announced the election of the Matron, Miss McIntosh, by a majority of 140.

Miss McIntosh, in returning thanks for the appointment, said that she would do all she could as long as she held the post, to uphold the League and the objects for which it stands.

A bouquet of beautiful sweet peas was presented to Miss McIntosh, and one of lovely yellow roses to Mrs. Turnbull, the retiring Vice-President.

In her place, Lady Baddeley was elected Vice-President, and, in accepting office, said she considered it a great honour, and one to which she never thought she would attain. She would do her best, in connection with the position, during her term of office.

Satisfactory reports were received from the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and the Treasurer of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund.

The vacant editorship of the League Journal was filled by the appointment of Miss Gladys Le Geyt, with the help of Miss Irvine (Home Sister) Miss Kennedy (Sister Mary), and Miss Duke (Sister Casualty).

The Scrutineers of Voting Papers then announced the result of the election of four members to fill the places vacated by the retiring members, Miss James, Miss Le Geyt, Miss Liell and Mrs. Ross.

There were 8 nominations and Miss Barnes, Miss Jacomb, Mrs. Holford and Mrs. Wates, were the successful candidates.

The proposed memorial to the late President, Miss Helen Todd, was discussed, the one most favoured being a book-case for the Nurses' Library, with a small endowment for the renewal and purchase of books.

The Members then adjourned to the Great Hall, where they had the pleasure of meeting at tea some of the Overseas Delegates to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses then in London.

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