

## VOTING BY PROXY.

A Section giving delegates power to vote by proxy was opposed by the delegates from Great Britain and rejected, and such power limited to voting in the ballot for officers.

In the Revised Constitution as circulated to the Active Members Article V, Section 4, is as follows: "No Member of the Grand Council shall be entitled to more than one vote except when voting by ballot for officers, or in questions already submitted to the Active Members."

The Official Minutes of the meeting of the Grand Council on Tuesday, July 21st, contains the following note:—

## "ARTICLE V, PREVIOUSLY ARTICLE VI.

*Section 4.*—Considerable discussion took place with regard to whether, if an Active Member were represented by less than the entitled number of delegates with voting power, those delegates should be entitled to register the full quota of votes. It was finally carried that no delegate could register more than one vote except in the case of a ballot for officers, when each country, whether represented by its allotted number of delegates or not, should be entitled to register the full quota of votes—Section 4 was therefore deleted, and a new Section 4 substituted."

The words added to the Section "or in questions already submitted to the active members" have therefore manifestly been added in error and ought to be deleted.

Provision is made that the *Constitution* may be amended at any meeting of the Grand Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, four months' notice of proposed amendments having been given.

*By-Laws* may be adopted, amended, or repealed at a meeting of the Grand Council by a majority vote, after four months' notice of amendments.

*By-Laws* may be adopted, amended or repealed by unanimous vote at any regular meeting of the Grand Council without previous notice.

Your delegates opposed the last section, but as one adverse vote would prevent its being carried out the majority of the Grand Council considered this a sufficient safeguard,

## PROPOSALS OF REVISION COMMITTEE TO WHICH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN TOOK EXCEPTION.

**Constitution.**

The introduction of Associate Members—a class not meeting all requirements for members—to be admitted otherwise than through the recognised Association in a country.

That Hon. Members other than members of the Nursing Profession, should be provided for.

The deletion of Councillors as Hon. Officers.

The proposition that each National Organisation should be entitled to an additional delegate for each five thousand members, the maximum number being *eight* for any country was opposed by the representatives of Great Britain.

**By-laws.**

The National Council of Great Britain desired the

**Result.**

Proposal deleted, and principle re-affirmed that one National Association in each country composed of Trained Nurses or representative societies of Nurses shall be the Intermediary with the International Council of Nurses.

Provision incorporated in Constitution that all Hon. Members must be Nurses.

Unanimously recommended by Executive that "the Hon. Officers of the Council shall be the Hon. Officers in 1925." This includes Councillors. In Revised Constitution circulated the words "Hon. President" are used presumably in error.

The Section was deleted as was the Section giving power to delegates to vote as proxy, voting by proxy being restricted to voting for Officers.

This was not agreed, the distinction apparently not being

re-insertion of the word "Hon." before "Officers."

The National Council of Great Britain was in favour of retaining Triennial Meetings of the Grand Council.

Objection taken to the section in Draft Constitution providing that "necessary expenses incurred by Officers or Committees in the service of the Council may be refunded by order of the Board of Directors."

understood and having no significance in other countries.

This was out-voted, and quadrennial meetings adopted.

Section deleted, and new Section substituted providing that "Officers and Committees before incurring expenditure on behalf of the Council shall submit an estimate for their expenses for the ensuing year to the Board of Directors through the Finance Committee for its approval and sanction."

## THE QUESTION OF FUNDS.

The attention of the Council was seriously directed to the question of how funds are to be raised to maintain the activities of the Council. As it will be raised on a letter from the President and Treasurer it is unnecessary to report upon it in detail here.

## ATTENDANCE FROM THIS COUNTRY.

There attended the International Congress of Nurses from Great Britain and Ireland:—Miss M. Huxley, R.G.N., Councillor Miss M. Breay, S.R.N., Councillor and Hon. Treasurer I.C.N., and the following:—

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES.

Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., R.F.N.;  
Councillor Beatrice Kent, S.R.N.;  
Miss G. le Geyt, S.R.N.;  
Miss H. L. Pearse, S.R.N.

In addition 26 Fraternal Delegates attended the Congress.

## THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Meeting of the International Council of Nurses is to be held in China in 1925. Miss Nina D. Gage was elected President.

## HEADQUARTERS.

It was decided to establish Headquarters at Geneva when practicable.

## THE I.C.N.

It was also decided to issue a quarterly paper to be known as the I.C.N. 4s. per annum.

**The Select Committee on the General Nursing Council.**

A matter of outstanding importance in the Nursing World during 1925 has been the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons, on the initiative of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, one of our affiliated Societies, to consider the Rules of the General Nursing Council with regard to the prescribed training for nurses, and the reservation of seats on the Council for Matrons. Several Members of the Council gave evidence before the Committee. The Committee recommended that at the next election the eleven places allotted to Nurses on the General Part of the Register should be thrown open to any nurse registered on the General Part of the Register, and made other important recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. PEARSE,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

Appended were the Report from Great Britain, prepared by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and her Address on "The Trained Nurse's Part in Peace" presented at the Opening Session of the International Congress of Nurses at Helsingfors in July.

**Hon. Treasurer's Report.**

Miss M. Breay presented the Financial Statement, which she said was a sound if modest one, inasmuch as all the affiliated societies had paid their dues, and there was a balance in hand of £4 15s. 6d.

**Amendments to the Constitution.**

The following Amendments to the Constitution were considered and unanimously adopted:—

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