

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1. on Saturday, January 23rd, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., President of the Council, presiding.

Appointment of Delegates.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the first business dealt with was to receive nominations of delegates of the Association of Hospital Matrons. These were :—

Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron, University College Hospital, London.

Miss Dora Finch, R.R.C., late Matron University College Hospital, London, Hon. Treasurer.

Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron Royal Free Hospital, London, Hon. Secretary.

The nomination of Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C. as a delegate of the Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council, proposed by Miss Macdonald and seconded by Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C. was also approved.

Messages and letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting were reported from Miss A. Lloyd-Still, President Association of Hospital Matrons; Miss A. W. Gill (College of Nursing, Ltd.); Miss E. E. Fowler (Registered Nurses' Society); Miss G. Le Geyt (League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses); Miss M. Campbell; and Miss C. H. McAra (Royal Infirmary Glasgow Nurses' League), and Miss M. Burr (League of St. John's House Nurses).

Also letters from Miss S. M. Marsters accepting the position of Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses, from Miss Lloyd-Still relative to the Education Advisory Committee, from Miss C. Reimann, Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, acknowledging the Comments on the revised Constitution of that Council sent by direction of the last meeting of the National Council incorporating three points to be brought before the Board of Directors I.C.N. at their next meeting. Also a letter from Miss Reimann in respect to the Joint Standing Committee of Women's Organizations in which the International Council of Women would like the National Council of Nurses to take an interest, and another letter of a confidential nature concerning which action was taken, and a sub-committee, composed of Miss Musson, Miss Macdonald, and Miss K. A. Smith, was appointed to deal with it further.

Miss Musson consented to hold a watching brief on the Joint Standing Committee of Women's Organizations until a delegate was officially appointed by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses.

Action was taken on a letter from the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship asking for the help and co-operation of the National Council of Nurses for its propaganda in Parliament. It was decided to support it in asking the Prime Minister to include in the King's Speech a reference to the intention of the Government to deal with equal franchise for men and women. It was further agreed to draw the attention of members of the National Council of Nurses to the Edward Wright and Cavendish Bentinck Library housed in the offices of the Union at 15, Dean's Yard, S.W.1, to which enquiries should be addressed. The Library contains a full section on the Women's Movement as well as sections on current political and social problems.

It was decided to receive and acknowledge a letter from the Women's International League in reference to a Conference on January 19th, at the Caxton Hall to discuss the

possibility of a united effort on the part of women in an Arbitration and Disarmament Pilgrimage.

Report of Finance Advisory Committee.

The Report of the Finance Advisory Committee was presented by the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, and stated that the Committee met on November 20th to consider the Finance proceedings of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors, as a result two letters were sent to each of the affiliated Societies, one urgent in reference to the expenses of the I.C.N. for the remainder of 1925, and the other to the proposal incorporated in the revised Bye Laws of that Council that each affiliated National Council should pay an annual fee amounting to five cents *per capita* of its membership, *i.e.*, 2½d. in English Currency, in order to maintain the activities of the I.C.N. on a secure financial basis.

In connection with the appeal for the support of the I.C.N. with donations received in the room, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N. reported that £40 7s. 6d. had been contributed.

Full discussion took place in regard to the best means of raising the annual contribution from this country, the amount to be aimed at being £250. It was eventually agreed that each Affiliated Association should be acquainted with the amount for which it was hoped it would be responsible.

The Council decided that an effort should be made in the present year not only to raise the £250 required for international purposes, but to provide for emergency purposes in the National Council, and that a communication should be sent to each affiliated Association asking it whether it would prefer to raise its share itself or to join in a united effort to be made in London.

Photographs sent by Miss Reimann of the new Headquarters Office at Geneva were circulated.

The Meeting then terminated and those present adjourned for tea which was very welcome after deliberations lasting over two hours, which it is hoped may be fruitful in good results.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7, on February 27th, at 3 p.m.

THE IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association was held at Dr. Stevens' Hospital, on Thursday, January 21st. The election of office bearers for 1926 took place. Miss Alice Reeves R.R.C. (Matron, Dr. Stevens' Hospital, Dublin) was elected President, Miss Thornton (Matron, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital) Honorary Secretary, and Miss Power (Royal Victoria Hospital) Honorary Treasurer.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the out-going President, Miss Huxley, for all the work she had done for the Association.

Miss A. Carson Rae was elected an honorary member.

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

On February 5th, the Professional Union of Trained Nurses is organising a Fancy Dress and Head-dress Carnival Dance, at St. Marylebone Hall (Public Baths), three minutes from Baker Street, from 8 to 12. Prizes will be given for the most original and typical dresses.

There will be Bridge and Whist for those who do not dance.

Tickets are only 3s. each, and as it is hoped to make a profit for the Union, we hope this Dance, organised by Mrs. Northwood, will be largely attended, and a great success.

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