

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### CONJOINT MEETING.

A Conjoint Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Montreal Congress Sub-Committee was held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W., on November 9th, Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, was in the Chair.

The principal business considered conjointly was the question of transport to the Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal in July, 1929, and, by the Executive only, that of Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the International Council of Nurses to be recommended to the Annual Meeting of the N.C.N. on November 30th for approval, and if approved to be forwarded to the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses for insertion on the Agenda of the Meeting of the Grand Council to be held in Montreal in July, 1929.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1., on Friday, November 30th, at 5 p.m.

There were present Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., and Miss S. A. Villiers, *Vice Presidents*; Miss H. L. Pearse, *Hon. Secretary*; Miss M. Breay, *Hon. Treasurer*; Miss H. Dey, R.R.C. and Miss F. E. Brownsden, *Directors*; and the following Presidents and Delegates: Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss A. Carson Rae (The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland); Miss Drakard (The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council); Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss E. M. Waind, Miss E. M. Brinton and Miss G. Le Geyt (The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses); Miss E. Pell Smith and Miss M. C. Harris (Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League); Miss E. E. Fowler, Miss E. Eburah and Miss K. Wallis (Registered Nurses' Association); Miss Mary Burr (St. John's House Nurses' League); Miss R. Wallace, R.R.C., President, and Miss L. M. Smith (Southwark Hospital Nurses' League); Miss A. S. Marshall, President (London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League); Miss A. Cattell, President; Miss Waite and Miss M. A. Addison (Professional Union of Trained Nurses); Miss Margaret Campbell and Miss Kate Carruthers (Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League); Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, and Mrs. Stewart Murray (Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League); Miss Mary Wilson (L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union); Miss Margaret B. Vickers (Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Nurses' League); Miss R. Cox Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C. (The College of Nursing); Miss D. Finch (The Association of Hospital Matrons); Miss E. M. Cuthbert, President, Miss Hearder and Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C. (The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association); Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham and Miss Isabel Macdonald (The British College of Nurses), and Miss M. Stewart Bryson and Miss Dorothea Webb (The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association).

The Hon. Secretary, Miss Helen Pearse, announced with regret, the absence through illness, of the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and undertook to convey to her a message of sympathy from the meeting, and of hope for the speedy termination of her illness, and regret at her absence. The Hon. Treasurer, Miss Margaret Breay, was then elected to the Chair.

Before calling on the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, Miss Breay said that the Council met

under the shadow of a national anxiety from the illness of His Majesty the King, with whom many of those present had come into personal contact in the discharge of their official duties, and by whom they had been personally decorated.

The Council desired that an expression of their loyal devotion should be sent from the meeting to His Majesty, together with the earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

### Minutes.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and confirmed.

### Correspondence.

The correspondence included (1) letters of regret at inability to be present from Miss H. Lamb and Miss C. H. McAra, Directors, Miss E. S. Innes, Delegate College of Nursing, and Miss G. M. Simms, President League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses.

(2) Letters from Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss K. V. Coni, Miss G. Cowlin and Miss H. Viney relative to their nomination to the Programme Committee of the Montreal Congress to take part in the Programme.

Miss Lloyd Still wrote:—

"Will you very kindly on my behalf thank the members of the Congress Sub-Committee of the National Council of Nurses for the honour they have done me in nominating me as a speaker at the Congress, on 'University Schools of Nursing' in the Session on July 10th at 2 p.m. I will, of course, if you so think, accept that invitation, but I must again point out that July is the most difficult time to organise one's work in the hospital and to be free to take that journey. Will your Committee receive my acceptance with this reservation, that it may not be possible to be free at that date, but that I shall do my utmost to make every arrangement to be present?"

I know that you individually will understand the difficulties of leaving one's hospital with all the yearly examination work, both in the Nursing and Medical schools, incomplete, and the many official engagements which claim one's presence during the months of July and June."

(3) Miss Charlotte Munck, President of the Danish Council of Nurses, wrote thanking the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for the honour conferred upon her of nominating her for the position of First Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses. She added: "Personally I suppose that most of the Associations will nominate the officers who are willing to stay, but I see that it should be very good to have some of the officers in Europe if the next Congress is going to take place there."

(4) From Miss Nina D. Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses inviting Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to give the "Watchword" for the next four years. She wrote: "I think nothing would be so fitting and stimulating, especially to the younger generation who will be there, and who need for their own soul's sake to get as well acquainted with you as they can, to have you give us this Word, as you speak either before or after Miss Nutting's talk on the Future. Everyone whom I have consulted about this thinks this the best meeting, and you the best person to give the 'Watchword.' So I hope very much that you will be able so to honour and to stimulate us."

(5) Various letters from Miss C. Reimann, Secretary of the International Council of Nurses.

(6) From Miss M. C. Kennedy, Hon. Secretary of the Mariabella Fry Trustees, notifying that the term of four years for which Miss Edith Mellor was appointed as the Representative Trustee of the National Council of Nurses has now expired. It was agreed to ask Miss Mellor to kindly act for another term.

### Change of Presidents.

The Hon. Secretary reported that since the last Annual Meeting Miss Cox Davies had been elected President of

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