

the College of Nursing, and Miss A. Cattell, President of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

#### Nominations of Delegates.

The nominations of Delegates by Affiliated Associations since the last meeting were approved.

#### Election of Hon. Officers.

No nominations for the positions of Hon. Officers had been received. Miss H. L. Pearse was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing year. Miss E. M. Musson, Vice-President, in place of Miss K. A. Smith who retired in rotation, and Miss M. S. Cochrane and Miss Ritchie Thomson, were nominated from the chair as Directors; and Miss Cox-Davies nominated the Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, London. The Chairman said that Directors were usually nominated from those who had taken an interest in the work of the National Council, and Miss Cox-Davies said that Miss Milne had only recently returned from abroad. On a vote being taken Miss Cochrane and Miss Ritchie Thomson were elected Directors, in place of Miss J. W. Davies and Miss C. H. McAra.

#### THE REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

NOVEMBER, 1927—NOVEMBER, 1928.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. L. Pearse then presented the following Report:—

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES,

I have the honour to present the Report of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for the year ending November 1st, 1928.

#### NEW ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED.

During the year we have had the pleasure of welcoming into the Council the British College of Nurses (President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) and the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association (President, Miss S. A. Villiers).

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss S. A. Villiers, President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, has been appointed a Vice-President for a term of three years from November, 1927.

#### DIRECTORS.

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and Miss E. F. Brownsden, have been appointed Directors for a term of three years from November 1927.

#### NEW PRESIDENTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

Since the last Annual Meeting Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., has been elected President of the College of Nursing, and Miss Alice Cattell, President of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, and take seats, as such, on the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

#### DELEGATES.

The following Delegates have been nominated since the last Annual Meeting.

*The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland*:—Miss A. Carson Rae.

*The British College of Nurses*:—Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss Dorothy K. Graham, Miss Isabel Macdonald.

*The Registered Nurses' Association*:—Miss K. Wallis.

*The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association*:—Miss A. S. Bryson and Miss Dorothea Webb.

*The College of Nursing*:—Miss E. E. P. MacManus.

*The Professional Union of Trained Nurses*:—Miss M. A. Addison and Miss Waite.

*The Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League*:—Miss Margaret B. Vickers.

*The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association*:—Miss S. E. Hearder and Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C.

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee has met twice and transacted a large amount of business; it has also met twice conjointly with the Sub-Committee appointed by direction of the last Annual Meeting to consider details of Programme for the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in 1929.

The Executive at its meeting on February 6th had under consideration the nomination of further suitable women to the League of Nations Committee and, on the proposition of the President, it was agreed that the Questionnaire sent out by the Joint Standing Committee should be circulated to Associations affiliated to the National Council. Nominees should be experienced nurses with a wide knowledge of Public Health questions, and Maternity and Child Welfare work. At the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 22nd it was agreed to put forward the names of Miss Ellen Mary Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss Helen Lucy Pearse.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER DETAILS OF PROGRAMME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES AT MONTREAL IN 1929 AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS.

The composition of the Committee is as follows:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Helen L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Memb. General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Miss Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Memb. General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

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

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London., President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

Miss H. Lamb, Memb. Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Director National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Christian H. McAra, Memb. Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Nurses' League.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The Sub-Committee met on April 12th and drafted replies to the Committee on Programme of the Montreal Congress. It also suggested as four of the Headings for discussion (a) Education, (b) Public Health, (c) Private Nursing, (d) Mental Nursing; and, as other topics (1) "The desirability of a wider Education in Psychology for Nurses," (2) "Co-operation between Sister Tutors and Ward Sisters in the Training of Student Nurses," (3) "Standards and Observances in Nursing Ethics, and Nursing Etiquette, and their Effects."

It further made suggestions for the conduct of business, and that a "Watchword" should once more be given.

#### CONJOINT MEETINGS.

Conjoint meetings of the Executive Committee and the Montreal Congress Sub-Committee were held on October 16th and November 9th when the Proposed Programme and Summary of Speakers sent by the Committee on Programme in Canada were carefully considered. Sug-

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