

Miss Cox-Davies enquired whether, in the event of this Resolution being carried, the one of which she had given notice at the last Annual Meeting, and placed as No. 2 on the Agenda, could still be moved.

The Chairman answered in the affirmative.

Miss Pearse, in moving the Resolution, pointed out that from time to time Constitutions needed revision and amendment, and there were various points in connection with the present Constitution of the National Council of Nurses which needed consideration. Also it was desirable that By-Laws should be drafted. Both Constitution and By-Laws should be as elastic as possible.

Mrs. Andrews supported the Resolution. She thought a Constitution should embody the main principles, and that By-Laws were needed for daily guidance.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

II.

The following Resolution had been placed on the Agenda, in the name of Miss Cox-Davies:—

Each Affiliated Association shall have the right to depute two Delegates to serve on the Grand Council subject to its approval; Associations having a membership of under 400, two Delegates; and over 400 and under 800, three Delegates; over 800 and under 2,000, four Delegates; and for each additional 2,000, one Delegate; all of whom shall be State Registered Nurses.

Miss Cox-Davies said that, having regard to the Resolution which had just been carried, and the absence of the President, she would withdraw her Resolution on the understanding that the Revised Draft should be circulated before it was considered by the Council.

The Chairman said that, as President of an Affiliated Association, Miss Cox-Davies would be on the Executive Committee which would consider the Constitution.

Mrs. Andrews congratulated Miss Cox-Davies on what she considered was a right and business-like action.

The Chairman then asked whether the Meeting would assent to the withdrawal of the Resolution, and the Resolution was by leave withdrawn.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES, IN MONTREAL, IN JULY, 1929.

Four nominations had been received:—

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N.

Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary N.C.N.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews.

Since the Agenda had been circulated, the College of Nursing had nominated Miss Cox-Davies.

This filled the four places.

Miss Cox-Davies said that, as Hon. Secretary of the Hospital Matrons' Association, she had sent in the names of Miss Lloyd Still and Miss MacManus.

These had not been received by the Hon. Secretary, but under the circumstances, a ballot was taken, the scrutineers appointed being Miss Carson Rae, Miss D. K. Graham, and Miss Isabel Macdonald.

The result was the election of Miss Breay, Miss Pearse, Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, and Miss Cox-Davies.

Amendments to the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses recommended by the Executive Committee.

Suggested amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Council of Nurses were considered and adopted, and directed to be forwarded to the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses for insertion on the Agenda of the Meeting of the Grand Council in Montreal, in July, 1929.

The meeting then terminated.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., on Saturday, November 17th, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss Helen Pearse, was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members.

Before the minutes were read the President spoke of the illness of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to her.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported the great loss sustained by the Council by the death of Miss Mildred Heather Bigg, R.R.C., a Past President of the Council, and whose charm, courage and loyalty to principles had endeared her to her colleagues on the Council. The death of Miss Lucy Ramsden was also reported, and after a few words, regarding her fine work and character from the President, the members passed a standing vote of sympathy.

Letters of regret for absence were received from several members.

The correspondence received included letters from various societies during the past three months and these were read and discussed, the Hon. Secretary reporting the action taken where necessary.

Miss A. Carson Rae was nominated as a Delegate to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in place of the late Miss Lucy Ramsden.

Congratulations were offered to the Hon. Treasurer of the Council, Miss A. Villiers, on her election to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women on the nomination of the affiliated Societies. Miss Villiers consented to continue to act on the Public Health Section of the National Council of Women; Miss Carson Rae to act on the Parliamentary and Legislative Committee of the National Council of Women.

A notice of a Conference on the Rating Reform Bill, to be held on November 19th, aroused much discussion. Miss G. Lord and Miss Solomon consented to attend as Delegates, and were asked to report action at the next meeting of the Matrons' Council.

Miss T. Bickerton, R.R.C., gave a very descriptive account of the Conference of the National Council of Women at York, dealing first with the meeting for young people held on the evening previous to the Conference, and afterwards taking each day's business separately, and giving a short account of the discussion on each resolution of special interest to the Nursing Profession. The Resolutions passed at the Conference were before the meeting.

Miss Allbutt gave some most interesting sidelights on the Tuberculosis Congress at Rome, but remarked that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING gave such a graphic account of the whole proceedings that there was very little left for her to tell. Members were very interested in her vivid description of the solemn Opening of the Congress at the Capitol, the service at St. Peter's on Sunday preceding it and her visit to the garden containing the stone altar to the Unknown God, and all felt there was still much to hear from such a sympathetic observer.

The President asked those members of the Council who hoped, or intended, to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July of next year to send their names without delay to her as Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses at 39, Portland Place, London, W.

The Hon. Secretary also gave notice of some interesting lectures which were being held at the British College of Nurses. After fixing the date of the Annual Meeting for February 9th, 1929, the meeting terminated, and an excellent tea was served with the usual deftness and despatch of the capable staff of the R.B.N.A. Club.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH. *Hon. Secretary.*

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