

Miss R. Cox-Davies and Miss M. A. Gullan (College of Nursing, Ltd.).

Miss H. Dey (League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses).

Miss Isabel Macdonald (British College of Nurses).

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

Miss H. Lamb (Mental Hospitals' Matrons' Association).

The President and the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary, *ex-officio*.

Miss Musson raised the question as to whether proxies should be allowed, and this was decided in the affirmative.

An International Press Exhibition.

The Committee next considered a letter from Miss C. Reimann, Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, inviting the co-operation of the Council in regard to an International Press Exhibition to be held in Cologne from May 1st-October 1st, 1928.

It was agreed that the current magazines of Affiliated Associations might be sent, also information and papers as to the Diplomas in Nursing given by London and Leeds Universities, and the publications of the General Nursing Councils for England and Wales and Scotland.

Nomination of Women to the League of Nations Committees.

The nomination of women (trained nurses) on to the various Committees and Sub-committees of the League of Nations was then considered. Miss E. M. Musson (who with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is a member of the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations) said that some women had been co-opted, but not, she believed, on to the Health Committee, on which it was important that trained nurses should be represented.

The President proposed, and it was agreed, that the questionnaire sent out by the Joint Standing Committee should be circulated to Associations affiliated to the National Council, and reminded the Committee that as regards this Council the persons recommended should be experienced nurses with a wide knowledge of Public Health questions, and maternity and Child Welfare work.

She considered, further, that the Ministry of Health should be urged to take up the question, and that there would be no change in the attitude of the League of Nations towards the appointment of women on its Committees until the subscribing Governments took it up. As women were taxed to finance the League of Nations, they should have representation on it.

Duplication of *per capita* Fees.

The question of the duplication of *per capita* fees in support of the International Council of Nurses was informally discussed, but no action was taken.

Financial Report.

The Hon. Treasurer (Miss M. Breay) reported the balance of £88 15s. 2d. up to date. Half the *per capita* fees for the International Council were due from each affiliated Society on January 1st, and the following Associations have paid their fees: The London County Council School Nurses' Union, the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, and the Registered Nurses' Association for the whole year, and the Matrons' Council for the half year.

The meeting then terminated and enjoyed a refreshing tea.

THANKS FROM THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The President of the National Council of Nurses has received the following letter from the Canadian Nurses Association:

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Your letter of December 12th, addressed to me, was presented to the Executive Committee, Canadian Nurses Association, in recent meeting.

The Executive wish to have conveyed to you their appreciation of your message of condolence on the death of our late President, Miss Flora Madeline Shaw.

Canadian nurses greatly appreciate the many assurances of esteem and regard for their late President from many countries, and especially the honoured way in which Miss Shaw was held in memory at the annual meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, held on November 22nd, 1927.

Again, on behalf of the Council, I wish to thank you.

Yours sincerely,

JEAN S. WILSON,
Executive Secretary,
Canadian Nurses Association.

Canadian Nurses Association,
National Office,
511, Boyd Building, Winnipeg, Man.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, February 18, at 3 p.m. The President, Miss Helen Pearse, was in the Chair.

Before the business commenced, the President from the Chair proposed a vote of condolence with the Nurses' Association of Finland on the death of its President, Baroness Sophia Mannerheim. Miss Pearse paid a warm tribute to the work and personality of Baroness Mannerheim, and spoke of her close connection with British Nurses through the International Council of Nurses. Other members of the Council also spoke to the same effect. An uprising vote of condolence was then passed.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the Minutes a letter was read from Miss Winmill, late Matron, Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, which gave much satisfaction. Several letters were dealt with, and delegates elected to attend various meetings, etc.

The Report of the Hon. Treasurer was then presented, and showed a satisfactory balance for 1927. After discussion on one or two points the adoption of the Report, proposed by Miss Elma Smith, and seconded by Miss Lord, was carried unanimously.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary for the year 1927 was read; it recorded that during the year the Council had transferred its address from 431, Oxford Street, W., to 39, Portland Place, W., the headquarters of the British College of Nurses, and that the Council desired to place on record its congratulations to the British College of Nurses upon the work it is doing for the Nursing Profession.

The Report also mentioned the part taken by its Members in the Conference on the Nursing Profession convened by the Labour Party in January, and in the Interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses, held at Geneva in July. It offered congratulations to Miss A. M. Bushby, a Member of the Council, and to Miss S. A. Villiers, its Hon. Treasurer, on their re-election as Members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in December. The Report also dealt with the business transacted at the various meetings of the Council during the year. The Report was adopted on the proposition of Miss Elma Smith, seconded by Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C. The re-election of the Hon. Officers was proposed by Miss Allbutt, and seconded by Miss Carson Rae. Both ladies consented to serve for another year.

The President, Miss Helen Pearse, gave a brief survey of the Annual Report of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Programme of the International Council of Nurses came under much discussion.

Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., gave an interesting report, which had unavoidably been deferred from the last meeting,

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