

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on Thursday, November 28th, at 5 p.m., tea being served at 4.30 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and was supported on the platform by Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-Presidents, and Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer.

There were present, in addition, Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., *Vice-President*, Miss F. E. Brownsdon, Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., *Directors*, and the following Delegates of Leagues and Associations of Nurses: Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss A. Carson Rae (The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland), Miss Beatrice Kent, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., and Miss Drakard (The Registered Nurses' Parl. Council), Mrs. Andrews, Miss E. M. Waind and Miss Le Geyt (The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses), Miss A. B. Curtis (Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League), Miss E. E. Fowler and Miss Eburah (Registered Nurses' Association), Miss A. Cattell, Miss M. A. Addison and Miss R. H. Waite (Professional Union of Trained Nurses), Mrs. Stewart Murray (Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham Nurses' League), Miss Mary Wilson (L.C.C. School Nurses Social Union), Miss M. Bridge and Miss M. S. Vickers (Royal Infirmary, Bradford Nurses' League), Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C. (The College of Nursing); Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Miss D. Finch, R.R.C. (The Association of Hospital Matrons), Miss G. M. Allbutt, Miss D. K. Graham and Miss Isabel Macdonald (The British College of Nurses), Miss A. Stewart Bryson (The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association), Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C. (The Mental Matrons' Association), Miss C. H. McAra and Miss K. Carruthers (Royal Infirmary, Glasgow Nurses' League).

In the absence of Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, the President invited Miss M. Breay to read the Notice convening the Meeting.

### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

### Correspondence.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Miss H. L. Pearse, upon which Miss Cox-Davies proposed that an expression of sympathy should be sent to her; from Miss H. Lamb, Director, Miss M. A. Willcox, Sister Matron, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., from Miss E. S. Innes, Matron, General Infirmary, Leeds, Miss Bullivant, Matron, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Mrs. Balstone, Bournemouth, and Miss Gregory Smith, Matron, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

In the absence of the Hon. Secretary the President read the following report:—

### THE REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY, NOVEMBER, 1928—NOVEMBER, 1929.

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, 1929.

### Letter from Her Majesty the Queen.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, held in London on November 30th, 1928, directed that an expression of their loyal devotion should be sent to His Majesty the King,

together with the earnest hope that he would speedily recover from his present illness to rule for many years over the subjects throughout the Empire by whom he is beloved for the gracious wisdom and kindness which have characterised his reign.

This message was conveyed by the Hon. Secretary to the Rt. Honble. Lord Stamfordham, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., Private Secretary to the King, and the following gracious message was received from the Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

3rd December, 1928.

DEAR MADAM,

The Queen is as much touched as I know the King will be at the expression of devotion and good wishes for a speedy recovery for His Majesty, which you have been good enough to send on behalf of the President and members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and I am commanded to thank them for their message.

Yours very truly,  
CLIVE WIGRAM.

The Hon. Secretary,  
The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain,  
39, Portland Place, W.

### Honorary Officers.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Treasurer International Council of Nurses, has been appointed a Vice-President for a term of three years from November, 1928.

#### DIRECTORS.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Councillor British College of Nurses, and Miss M. Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C., Superintendent of Public Health Nurses in Glasgow, have been appointed Directors for a term of three years from November, 1928.

### Applications for Affiliation.

Applications for affiliation have been received, since the last meeting of the Grand Council, from:—

The Nightingale Fellowship. President, Miss Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.

The Scottish Nurses' Association. President, Mrs. Strong.

The League of Private Nurses. President, Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

### Nomination of Delegates.

Since the last Annual Meeting, the following Delegates have been nominated:—

*The College of Nursing*: Miss M. V. Lindall, Matron, Hospital for Women, Leeds.

*The British College of Nurses*: Miss E. J. Haswell, Cert., Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., Cert., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

*The London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League*: Miss L. Gray, Theatre Sister, London Temperance Hospital; Miss E. Littlejohn, Matron, Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.

*The Nightingale Fellowship*: Miss D. S. Coode, Assistant Matron, St. Thomas' Hospital; the Hon. Gertrude Best, A.R.R.C.; Mrs. Seymer, M.A. (Oxon); Miss G. M. Bowes, A.R.R.C., D.N., St. Thomas' Hospital.

*The Scottish Nurses' Association*: Miss C. H. McAra, Secretary, Scottish Nurses' Association, and Miss Kate Carruthers.

*The League of Private Nurses*: Miss Elsie (Eliza Finch) Armstrong, and Mrs. Hamilton Gibson.

### The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has met twice. On April 30th, in conjunction with the Montreal Sub-Committee,

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