

when they transacted a large amount of business in connection with arrangements for the Montreal Congress, for transport of the party from Great Britain, and for the Exhibits.

The Official Amendments to the Constitution to be considered by the Board of Directors and the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses were discussed, and the Official Delegates from Great Britain were instructed. On certain items, they were directed how they should vote, and on other Amendments it was agreed that they should hear arguments at the Council meetings and then take united action.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of November, 1928, gave the following instructions in a Resolution moved, in the absence of the President, by Miss H. L. Pearse, and seconded by Miss Musson:

"That the Executive Committee be requested to carefully consider the Constitution of the National Council of Nurses with a view to amendment if necessary, and to draft by-laws."

The Executive Committee has carried out this instruction, and its recommendations will be placed before the Annual Meeting on November 28th.

The Council through the Executive and Montreal Sub-Committees, has, for the most part, been concerned with preparation in connection with the meeting of the Board of Directors, Grand Council, and Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal, in so far as the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was concerned, and the arrangements made have been carried out with smoothness and efficiency.

Transport Arrangements.

The transport arrangements were placed in the hands of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, and the Steamship Line selected was the Cunard. The Official Delegates travelled to Montreal by the *Ascania*, and the main party by the *Alania*. Mr. Harper, representing Thomas Cook, spared no pains to ensure the efficient organisation of the arrangements, and the officials of the Cunard boats, from the Captains, and the Purser, downwards, were untiring in their efforts for the comfort and happiness of the Nurses' party.

Official Representatives of the N.C.N. at the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal.

The Official Representatives of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain were:—

PROXY FOR PRESIDENT.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, acting as proxy for the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in her much deplored absence.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES.

Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-President N.C.N.

Miss R. A. Cox Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.

Miss E. E. P. MacManus.

Miss E. F. Brownson.

Miss Breay as proxy for the President; and Miss E. M. Musson, Hon. Treasurer, as an International Officer, attended the Meetings of the Board of Directors as well as those of the Grand Council.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Two amendments were placed on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Grand Council of the I.C.N., in the name of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

CONSTITUTION.

I. Article V., Representation.

To add to Section I. the words "and the Councillors."

At the revision of the Constitution at Helsingfors the Councillors (Foundation Members) were, by some misinterpretation of words, removed from the voting body, a position offered to and accepted by them, in recognition

of their services. Our National Council proposed that Article V., Section I., should read:

"The voting body at each Congress shall be known as the Grand Council, and shall be composed of the Board of Directors, together with the accredited delegates from each Active Member and the Councillors."

This was unanimously agreed, and faith thus kept with the Foundation Members.

BY-LAWS.

II. Article II., Board of Directors (I.)

After the words "Grand Council," delete the words "meet at other times," and insert "It shall meet biennially at Headquarters or elsewhere as may be arranged, and at other times if necessary," on the call of the President, or upon request in writing of twenty-five per cent. of the Active Members belonging to the Council.

This was not approved, the Council considering the present By-law sufficient.

Visit to Ottawa.

The Official Delegates from Great Britain, in common with those from other Affiliated Associations, had the great privilege of being received in the Parliament Buildings by the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and afterwards of depositing a wreath of laurels, tied with purple ribbon and inscribed in letters of gold, at the foot of the Memorial in the Hall of Fame to Canadian Nurses who lost their lives in the Great War.

Hospitality.

Our National Council entertained at luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the Members of the Board of Directors, distinguished members of the Canadian Nurses Association, and other guests.

The guests were received by Miss Breay, representing the President (who also took the Chair at the luncheon). Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Musson, and Miss Villiers, Vice-Presidents, and Miss Cox-Davies, who kindly undertook the sending out of invitations and other details of organisation. The Affiliated Associations providing the cost in equal proportions were the British College of Nurses, the College of Nursing, the Association of Hospital Matrons, and the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, also made a contribution. The luncheon was voted one of the outstanding successes of the Congress.

The International Officers.

The International Officers elected for the next Quadrennial period were:—*President*, Mlle. Chaptal (France); *First Vice-President*, Miss Clara D. Noyes (U.S.A.); *Second Vice-President*, Miss Jean I. Gunn (Canada); *Treasurer*, Miss E. M. Musson (Great Britain); *Secretary*, Miss C. Reimann (Denmark).

There was no election of Treasurer or Secretary as only one name was proposed in each case.

The Standing Committees.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committees were appointed, the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain being:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—Programme, Publications, Florence Nightingale Memorial (Chair).

Miss Cowlin — Publications.

Miss E. M. Musson—Finance.

Miss Lloyd-Still—Florence Nightingale Memorial.

Miss Helen Pearse—Public Health Nursing.

Miss Isabel Macdonald—Private Duty Nursing.

Miss E. L. Macaulay—Mental Nursing and Hygiene.

The next Quadrennial Meeting (in 1933) on the invitation of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, will be held in Paris, and also in Brussels, on the invitation of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

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