

Memorial Committee, I.C.N., and it was realised that very careful consideration by all concerned would be necessary to evolve a Memorial worthy of the genius of Florence Nightingale. It was agreed that Miss Nutting be communicated with, and thanks be sent to her for her very valuable letter to the International Council of Nurses.

Resolutions.

The following Resolutions were carried unanimously :—

I.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to convey to the Canadian Nurses' Association its sincere admiration of the organisation of the Meetings and Congress of the International Council of Nurses held in Montreal last July, and to offer a warm expression of gratitude to the Nurses of Canada for the generous hospitality extended to the Official Delegates, and Nurses from Great Britain.

Proposed by Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N.

II.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, begs to convey to Mlle. Chaptal, President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, an expression of its sincere pleasure on her election as President of the International Council of Nurses, and to offer active co-operation and service during her term of office.

Proposed by the President from the Chair.

III.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to express to the Right Honble. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, its sincere thanks for the distinction conferred on its Official Delegates to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, in Montreal, by his honourable reception of them in the Parliament House at Ottawa on July 3rd, 1929, recognition which the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain deeply appreciates.

Proposed by Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C.

IV.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to express to Miss Nina D. Gage its sincere thanks for her services as President of the International Council of Nurses during her term of office, 1925-1929, and for the grace and dignity with which she represented the nurses of the world throughout their great Congress at Montreal in July, 1929.

Proposed by Miss Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C.

V.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to express to Miss E. M. Musson its sincere appreciation of the way in which as Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses she has controlled and administered the finances of the Council, and its pleasure that she has consented to serve for another term of office.

Proposed by Miss S. A. Villiers, F.B.C.N.

Thanks to the Chair.

After a vote of thanks to the Chair, carried unanimously, the Meeting terminated.

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THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3 p.m. The President, Miss Helen Pearse, was in the Chair.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting, the President said that it was with great regret she had to report the death of two Honorary Members, both of whom had belonged to the Council since its foundation, Miss Agnes Brennan formerly Superintendent of Nurses at Bellevue Hospital, New York, and Miss M. D. Farquharson, formerly Matron of the, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. A standing silent vote of condolence was passed. Miss

Pearse also said it would interest the members to know that the inaugural meeting had been held thirty-five years ago, namely November 1st, 1894, and she suggested that a brief survey of the Council's work since its inception should be given at the annual meeting, for the interest and benefit of those who had joined in later years; this was received with acclamation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, also the minutes of a Sub-Committee held on June 9th.

Many apologies for absence were received; amongst correspondence dealt with, the Secretary reported that Miss Carson Rae had kindly consented to continue to represent the Council on the Parliamentary and Legislative Committee of the National Council of Women; a letter from the Mental Matrons' Association was read, discussed and an answer directed to be sent.

Miss Drakard gave a most interesting report on the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal, which it is hoped to print fully in our Annual Report.

Miss Drakard said she had really nothing new to add to the many interesting articles written for the Nursing Papers, but would do her best to give a few points about the Congress and its wonderful organisation. It was a thrilling sight to see Nurses of all Nations gathered together, dainty ladies from Japan, China and the Philippines, all very much in earnest and keenly interested in everything. She mentioned that Miss Gage presiding at the opening ceremony, in a beautiful address, recalled the fact that it was the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Council of Nurses, that in 1899 Mrs. Bedford Fenwick sounded the call in London, and individual nurses from six different countries joined with her and the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and so founded the International Council. Miss Drakard said one of the most beautiful and inspiring ceremonies she had ever seen, was the never-to-be-forgotten gathering in the Forum, when five new countries were gathered into the fold, and if there were any countries still outside the pale, she felt sure the Congress would inspire them to come in. Miss Drakard thought the Round Tables especially helpful, and she was sure all left them with many new ideas and a much broader outlook; her report ended with a description of the Exhibition and the various social functions in which members of the Matrons' Council had taken a prominent part.

The President proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to Miss Drakard for her very interesting report, dealing with one or two points in the same, and this was carried with acclamation.

Miss Farrant presented a very interesting account of the proceedings of the Conference held by the National Council of Women at Manchester, and, commencing with the service held in the Cathedral, which must have been a most impressive occasion, gave a detailed account of each day's business, dealing with each resolution in order of the agenda. It is interesting to note that the resolutions selected for the final agenda at Manchester were, with the exception of two, those also selected by the Sub-Committee of the Matrons' Council.

Arising out of other business, a keen discussion on the Report of the Departmental Committee on the Training and Employment of Midwives took place, and the following resolution was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, and the Secretary instructed to forward the same to the Minister of Health :—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, whilst welcoming the Report of the Departmental Committee on the Training and Employment of Midwives and the proposal made therein for a National Maternity Service, deprecates very strongly the transfer of ad-

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