

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, on Tuesday, October 28th.

There were present: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss E. F. Brownson, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Directors; and Miss B. Kent, President, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, Miss A. S. Marshall, President, London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League, Miss A. Cattell, President, Professional Union of Trained Nurses, Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of

to perform the duties satisfactorily and thinks it best to give some one younger the opportunity of service: Miss Pearse accepts with pleasure nomination as a Director. Miss Pearse's resignation was accepted with regret, and upon the proposal of Miss R. Cox-Davies a vote of thanks for past services was unanimously accorded to her, to be conveyed to her from the Committee.

Correspondence.

THE LOSS OF R 101.

The President read the following letter from Mlle. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses, and of the Association Nationale des Infirmières Diplômées de l'Etat Français:—

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

I have learned to-day (6th October) of the terrible catastrophe that has brought deep mourning to your country. On behalf of the Board of our French National Association and in my own name I want to express to you and to the Trained Nurses of Great Britain our heartfelt sympathy.

No words can help in such cruel losses, but I could not let pass this sad occasion without telling you that my heart is suffering with yours "In faithful union, in woe as in weal"

I remain,
Dear Mrs. Fenwick,
Yours very truly,
L. CHAPTAL, President.

The following reply was sent at once:—

MY DEAR Mlle. CHAPTAL,

Accept our warmest gratitude for your beautiful letter.

To-day our glorious dead are lying in State in our historic Westminster Hall, and to-morrow they will be borne to the grave with every honour, and may they rest in peace. Alas! your letter came too late for a place in this month's BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, but it will be presented on October 28th to a meeting of our National Council of Nurses,

and will, I know, be deeply appreciated.

With sincere thanks,

I remain, Yours very truly,

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

It was agreed to express the thanks of the National Council to Mlle. Chaptal for her kindness and courtesy.

Death of Miss Lillian Clayton.

Letters received from Miss S. C. Francis and Miss Reimann dated May, 1930, reporting the death of Miss Lillian Clayton, U.S.A., were placed before the Committee. To these communication replies had been sent.

International Affairs.

A mass of correspondence was read and considered on international affairs from Headquarters and elsewhere, and action approved.



MISS RUTH E. DARBYSHIRE, R.R.C.,
President, University College Hospital Nurses' League.

Wales' Hospital Nurses' League, Miss M. E. Sparshott, President, College of Nursing, Miss G. M. Simms, President, The Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., President The Nightingale Fellowship, and Miss I. Macdonald, League of Private Nurses.

Minutes.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., Director, owing to serious illness of a nurse; Miss H. Gregory Smith, Scottish Matrons' Association; Miss Helen Lamb, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Miss Bullivant, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, and Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary.

Resignation of the Hon. Secretary.

Miss H. L. Pearse, who has held the position of Hon. Secretary for the past seven years, sent a letter of resignation to the Council, as she now lives too far away

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