

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Rooms of the Medical Society of London on Friday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m., tea being served at 4 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. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Directors, and the following Presidents and Delegates of Leagues and Associations of Nurses: Miss W. P. Solomon (the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland), Miss Beatrice Kent, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., and Miss Minnie Drakard (the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council); Miss E. E. Fowler and Miss E. Eburah (the Registered Nurses' Association); Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss E. M. Waind, Miss G. le Geyt (League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses); Miss A. B. Curtis (the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League); Miss K. Carruthers (Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League); Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., Miss D. M. Moase, Miss E. J. Jenkins (Prince of Wales Hospital Tottenham Nurses' League); Miss Mary Wilson (L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union); Miss Margaret B. Vickers (Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Nurses' League); Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. V. Lindall, Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., D.N. (College of Nursing); Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss G. M. Bowes, A.R.R.C., D.N., the Hon. Gertrude Best, A.R.R.C., Miss D. S. Coode (Nightingale Fellowship); Miss D. Finch, R.R.C., Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E. (the Association of Hospital Matrons); Miss G. M. Simms (League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses); Miss M. E. Allbutt, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C. (the British College of Nurses); Miss M. Stewart Bryson (the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association); Miss C. H. McAra (the Scottish Nurses' Association); Miss Elsie Armstrong, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson (League of Private Nurses); Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss J. O'Brien and Miss G. Dale (University College Hospital Nurses' League).

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were reported from Miss H. L. Pearse (Hon. Secretary), Miss H. Dey, Miss Cattell, Miss N. Farrant (London), Miss E. S. Innes, D.N. (Leeds), Mrs. Balstone, and Miss McDonald (Bournemouth), Miss Gregory Smith (Glasgow). The Correspondence included:

A letter of sympathy from Mlle. L. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses, and of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, expressing deep sympathy in the national catastrophe of the loss of R101.

A letter from Miss R. E. Darbyshire, President of the University College Hospital Nurses' League, expressing pleasure at its affiliation with the Council.

A letter from Miss E. Plumley, Hon. Secretary of the Mariabelle Fry and Evelyn M. Eden Benevolent Funds, asking the Council to appoint another representative upon the Trust, necessitated by the resignation of Miss Edith Mellor. It was decided to ask Miss S. Vian, Matron of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, to act, or, if she were unable to do so, an alternative nominee.

The Report of the Executive Committee.

In the absence of the Hon. Secretary, the President presented the Report of the Executive Committee, which stated that since the last Annual Report was issued the work of the Council had steadily progressed. The Executive Committee had met in April and October, and transacted a large amount of business. The Advisory Committee on International Affairs met in February, May and July.

The Executive Committee reported that it had been much concerned with the possibility of acquiring and establishing as a Florence Nightingale Foundation, the house, No. 10, South Street, Park Lane, London, W., where she lived for so many years, and in which she died. The action taken in this connection—together with the correspondence relating thereto, especially with Miss M. A. Nutting (New York, U.S.A.) and Miss Nightingale's relatives—is set out at length in the Report, which will be circulated to the Affiliated Associations.

It was reported that during the year the Association of Queen's Superintendents, and the University College Hospital Nurses' League, had been affiliated to the Council.

The following change of Presidents had taken place in Affiliated Associations: Miss M. E. Sparshott is now President of the College of Nursing, Miss M. F. Hughes of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, and Miss D. E. Bannon of the L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union.

Miss B. Moase and Miss E. Jenkins, nominated by the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League, have been appointed its Delegates.

An Interim Congress of the I.C.N.

The Nurses' Association of India, which wished to arrange an Interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses in Calcutta in 1931, have since withdrawn the invitation, and in the opinion of the Secretary of the I.C.N., there is not sufficient support for such a Conference to be held elsewhere.

Distinguished Visitors.

During the year, the Council have had the pleasure of visits at Headquarters from Miss Effie J. Taylor, R.N., M.A., Associate Professor, Yale University School of Nursing, and Superintendent of Nurses, Newhaven Hospital, Connecticut, U.S.A., and Miss Elizabeth C. Burgess, R.N., Professor at Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A., and President of the National League of Nursing Education in the United States, Miss Jean Browne, Toronto, Miss Nora Moore, Hon. Secretary Canadian Nurses' Association, Toronto, Miss Laura Holland, Vancouver, Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada, Miss Macaraig and Miss Monongdo, from the Philippine Islands, Miss Nance Patrick, Dunedin, Miss Clara Jones, Los Angeles, Miss Meyboom, and a large party of nurses from Holland, Miss Inkori Melandar, Finland, Miss Elizabeth Crowell, Paris, Miss Ellen M. Lorraine, M.B.E., Barra, Iraq, Miss E. R. Uren, Mt. Lofty, South Australia.

In Memoriam.

The Committee reported with deep regret the deaths of Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., a former Director of the Council, and Miss A. Carson Rae, who also had held office as a Director, and was a prominent member of several associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses.

The Report was adopted.

The Council empowered the Executive Committee to deal with questions which might arise in connection with No. 10, South Street, or other matters of urgency, and approved of a letter on the subject being sent to the Press signed by well-known members of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Darbyshire enquired whether the Duke of West-

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