

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 Wednesday, November 25th, at 5 p.m., tea by invitation of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, being served at 4.30 p.m. The President was in the Chair, and supporting her on the platform were Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., *Vice Presidents*; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., *Hon. Secretary*, and Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N., *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., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss H. L. Pearse, *Directors*, and the following Presidents and Delegates of Leagues and Associations of Nurses: Miss W. P. Solomon and Miss P. Sanderson (Matrons' Council of Great Britain), Miss Beatrice Kent, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Miss M. Drakard (Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council), Miss E. E. Fowler (Registered Nurses' Association), Miss M. F. Hughes (Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League), Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss E. M. Waind, Miss G. Le Geyt (League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses), Miss Mary Wilson and Miss E. F. Brownsdon (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., Miss Hilda M. Gration (College of Nursing), Miss D. Finch, R.R.C. (Association of Hospital Matrons), Miss E. Bullivant (Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League), Miss E. W. Littlejohn (London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League), Miss Margaret Campbell (Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League), Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., Miss H. L. Hill and Miss M. Pittman (Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League), Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss E. J. Haswell, Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., Miss H. F. MacCormac (British College of Nurses), Miss J. T. Ruddy, Miss A. Stewart Bryson (Infectious Hospital Matrons' Association), Miss D. S. Coode, Mrs. Seymer, M.A., Oxon, Miss G. M. Bowes, A.R.R.C., D.N. (Lond.) (Nightingale Fellowship), Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss Elsie Armstrong, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson (League of Private Nurses), Miss Norah Farrant, Miss Wilmshurst (Association of Queen's Superintendents), Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Miss J. F. O'Brien (University College Hospital Nurses' League), Miss G. E. Copeman (County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Associa-

tion), Miss D. K. Graham and Miss H. G. Ballard, D.N., Miss E. S. Laing (League of Sister Tutors), Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., Miss M. E. Craven (Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League).

Minutes.

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

Correspondence.

The President reported letters of regret at inability to attend from Miss Helen Lamb, Miss A. S. Marshall, Miss A. M. Peterkin, Mrs. Balstone, the Hon. Gertrude Best, Miss Amy B. Curtis, Miss P. Dale, Miss A. Dowbiggin, M.B.E., R.R.C., Miss C. Evans, Miss S. C. Header, Miss E. Jenkins, Miss Christian McAra, Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., and Miss M. A. Wilcox.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., presented the Report of the Executive Committee to the Grand Council, November, 1930—November, 1931.

The Committee reported that the work of the Council since the last Annual Report was issued has steadily progressed. The Executive Committee met in April and October and transacted a large amount of business and the Advisory Committee on International Affairs met in March. Three Associations of Nurses had been affiliated to the Council during the year, there had been two changes of Presidents of Affiliated Associations and various changes of nominated delegates.

CONFERENCE OF NURSING ASSOCIATIONS PROPOSED.

A proposition had been received from Miss Jessie Davies, President of the Royal Infirmary Bradford Nurses' League, that a Conference of Nurses should be held of representatives of all important Nursing Associations, to discuss a united plan of action and adopt a policy concerning the organisation of shorter hours and better pay for nurses. Later

Miss Davies wrote that owing to the acute financial crisis which has arisen since the proposal was made the Royal Infirmary Bradford Nurses' League considered it inadvisable to hold such a Conference at the moment, and that the whole subject should be held in abeyance until the country was again prosperous and settled.

THE NURSES' INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, O.M.

The question of the Nurses' International Memorial to Florence Nightingale had been under the consideration of the Executive since the last Annual Meeting, more especially in connection with the possible acquisition of Miss Nightingale's house, No. 10, South Street, Park Lane, W. Eventually it was agreed that the house was too derelict



MISS MARYS. COCHRANE, R.R.C., S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain.
Elected a Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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