

of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' League, the British College of Nurses, The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, the League of Private Nurses, the League of Sister Tutors.

MISS RUTH DARBYSHIRE, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League, nominated by the Registered Nurses' Association, the Prince of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' League, the British College of Nurses, the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, the League of Sister Tutors.

MISS L. G. DUFF-GRANT, D.N., Matron, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, nominated by the Association of Hospital Matrons, the Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League, the Nightingale Fellowship.

MISS E. MACMANUS, O.B.E., Matron, Guy's Hospital, nominated by the College of Nursing.

MISS G. MOGGACH, Matron, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, nominated by the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, nominated by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, the College of Nursing, the Association of Hospital Matrons, the Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League, and the Nightingale Fellowship.

Miss Bickerton and Miss Darbyshire were elected Directors.

The next business was to report Applications for Affiliation approved by the Executive Committee from

(a) The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association.

(b) The League of Sister Tutors.

(c) The Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League.

The President remarked that it was very satisfactory that three important Leagues had become affiliated with the Council during the past year and had sent acceptable Delegates.

The Executive Committee also reported the changes of Presidents of Affiliated Associations during the year, Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., having succeeded Miss Pearse as President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, and Miss J. T. Ruddy having succeeded Miss S. A. Villiers as President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; also the appointment of Miss A. M. Peterkin as President of the Association of Queen's Superintendents and of Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., as President of the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss Dorothy Kathleen Graham as President of the League of Sister Tutors, and Miss Euphemia Steele Innes, R.R.C., D.N., as President of the Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; and the names of Delegates approved by the Executive Committee: *The College of Nursing*, Miss M. Gration, S.R.N., Senior Sister Tutor at Guy's Hospital; *Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League*, Miss Olive Hill, S.R.N.; *The Scottish Matrons' Association*, Miss E. F. Bladon, R.G.N., and Miss Milligan, R.R.C.; *The Registered Nurses' Association*, Miss Catherine Ann Evans, S.R.N., Cert. St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; *The British College of Nurses*, Miss Honor Felicite MacCormac, S.R.N., Cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital; *The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association*, Miss Annie Dowbiggin, M.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron, North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, and Miss Gertrude E. Copeman, S.R.N., Matron, Paddington Hospital, W.; *The League of Sister Tutors*, Miss H. G. Ballard, S.R.N., D.N., Sister Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, and Miss E. S. Laing, S.R.N., Assistant Matron, Mayday Road Hospital, Thornton Heath; *Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League*, Miss Gertrude Mary Bulman, R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron, Royal Free Hospital, W.C., and Miss Marjorie Eadon Craven, S.R.N., D.N., Matron, West London Hospital, Hammersmith.

The next business was to elect a member of the Grand Council to serve on the Advisory Committee on International Affairs in place of Miss M. Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C.

Nominations in the room were Miss Darbyshire, proposed by Miss Bushby, seconded by Miss Lloyd Still, and Miss E. P. MacManus, proposed by Miss M. Breay, seconded by Miss M. Gration. On a show of hands Miss Darbyshire was declared to be elected by a large majority.

The following members of the Grand Council were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee for the ensuing three years together with the ex-officio hon. officers:—Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss H. Dey, Mrs. Hamilton-Gibson, Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss E. M. Musson.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TO MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The President then presented her Report on the action taken by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at its meeting in Geneva in June, on the Report presented by her as Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said:—

Many of those present are acquainted with the history of the movement to establish a Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. That on the proposition of myself supported by Miss Nutting, it was agreed at the meeting of the International Council at Cologne in 1912 that steps should be taken to honour Miss Nightingale by such recognition.

The project has remained in abeyance owing to the Great War, and the financial stress of the years which followed it, and also that the various Committees formed from time to time have, so far, failed to meet and agree upon the issue.

Now it would appear that owing materially to the appreciation of the genius of Miss Nightingale, and devotion to her memory, primarily by Miss Nutting, together with the present head of the Nightingale School for Nurses—Miss Lloyd Still—that we are on the eve of taking agreed action, and we have every hope of seeing a worthy Memorial materialise.

As Chairman of the Memorial Committee, I presented a short Report of proceedings to the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. which met at Geneva last June, together with an exhaustive letter on the subject from Miss Nutting, in which she wrote at length on the possible steps to be taken in the organisation and development of the Memorial Committee.

To quote:—"The Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee cannot accomplish its task without securing as a first essential the full, intelligent and enthusiastic support and co-operation of the several countries holding membership in the International Council of Nurses.

The necessary initial step therefore would be the creation at as early a date as is practicable, of a special Committee on the Florence Nightingale Memorial in each of these countries. I suppose this Committee would be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors of each National Organisation of Nurses, since it is obviously of the utmost importance that these Committees should be chosen with great care.

Such Committees would be really branches of the present Committee which would be the Central or General Committee, and would determine purposes, establish policies, and lay down general lines of procedure, by which all the allied Committees could in large main essentials be guided. As much as possible however, should be left to the initiative and genius of individual countries, which should carry on their work in ways best suited to their own localities.

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