

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The half-yearly 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, W.1, on Thursday, October 22nd, 1931, at 4.15 p.m. Tea was served at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Directors; and Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of Wales Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., President, Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Isabel Macdonald, President, The League of Private Nurses; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss D. K. Graham, President, League of Sister Tutors.

The Minutes having been read and confirmed, letters of regret at inability to attend were reported from Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, owing to illness; from Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Director, from pressure of work over the election; from Miss M. Ritchie Thomson, Director, "living almost in the wilds in the Isle of Mull"; from Miss H. Lamb, President, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association; from Miss M. F. Hughes, President, Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C.; President, Scottish Matrons' Association; Miss J. Ruddy, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, owing to the meeting of her Hospital Committee; Miss A. M. Peterkin, President of the Association of Queen's Superintendents, meeting at Queen's Institute the same day. It was agreed to convey to Miss Villiers the sympathy of the Committee.

Correspondence.

Letter from Miss Joan Inglis, expressing thanks for the agreeable news that the application for Affiliation for the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association had been accepted. Letter of thanks from Miss H. Ballard for acceptance as delegate to the Grand Council, for the League of Sister Tutors. Letter of thanks from Miss E. S. Laing, for the same privilege.

Notification of Nominations for Hon. Officers.

1. VICE-PRESIDENT.

Nominations were notified from 13 Constituent Associations for the office of Vice-President, on the retirement of Miss Musson in rotation, to be placed on the Agenda Paper for the Meeting of the Grand Council in November. One paper was not in conformity with the Constitution, and one was received on the 5th instead of on the 1st October, and was therefore out of order.

2. DIRECTORS.

The same number of Constituent Associations notified nominations for two Directors—on retirement in rotation of Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss Ritchie Thomson. One paper was out of order, and one was received on the 5th October instead of on the 1st.

NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN'S SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss Constance M. Eales notified the Committee that Miss Annie McWillie Peterkin, General Superintendent,

The Queen's Institute of District Nursing, had been elected President of the Association of Queen's Superintendents (North and South.)

The Executive Committee learned of this appointment with pleasure, as although the Association of Queen's Superintendents had been affiliated with the National Council since 1930, it had no representation on the Committee as its organisation did not provide for the office of President. Such an officer had now been included.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

The following nominations as delegates on the Grand Council were received and approved:—

The Scottish Matrons' Association.—Miss E. F. Bladon, Lady Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and Miss Milligan, R.R.C., Nurses' Club, Drumsheugh Gardens Edinburgh.

The Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League.—Miss Margaret Pillman, Hon. Secretary.

The Registered Nurses' Association.—Miss Catherine Ann Evans, cert. St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

The British College of Nurses.—It was agreed that a nomination should be accepted in the place of Miss D. K. Graham, now President of the League, of Sister Tutors. Miss Honor Felicite MacCormac (for many years Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital) has since been nominated as Delegate on the Grand Council, and has accepted to act.

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION FROM THE GENERAL INFIRMARY, LEEDS, NURSES' LEAGUE.

An application for Affiliation was received from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Hebblethwaite, of the Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League. On the form it was notified that Miss Euphemia Steele Innes, Matron of the General Infirmary, Leeds, was President of the League, and that the number of members was 200. The names of the nominated Delegates were Miss Gertrude Mary Bulman, S.R.N., R.R.C., cert. General Infirmary, Leeds, and Matron, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London, and Miss Marjorie Eden Craven, S.R.N., D.N., cert. General Infirmary, Leeds, and Matron, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, London.

The Executive Committee received the application with pleasure, and agreed to the affiliation of the League, subject to its Constitution being in conformity with the Constitution of the National Council.

Report of the President on the Meeting of the Board of Directors, I.C.N., at Geneva in June, 1931.

The President presented a Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses which met at Geneva in June last, which she attended together with Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, I.C.N. Mlle. Chaptal (France), the President, presided, and the countries represented were Great Britain, the United States of America, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Irish Free State, Finland, India, South Africa, and Germany. The Report touched briefly on the Secretary's Report, the reorganisation of the Headquarters Staff, the appointment of an Assistant Editor for the *International Nursing Review*, which had not been issued to date, the fine Library at Headquarters, the Treasurer's Report, the International Exchange of Nurses, the Congress arrangements at Paris and Brussels in 1933—of which the President gave details up to date, and at which Congress it is anticipated that at least 5,000 nurses will be present, the registration fee for which was agreed should be 50 French francs. The subjects for discussion at the Congress, which it would be wise to consider at an early date. The change of Chairmen of Committees, agreed—Miss Isabel Macdonald (Great Britain) to be chairman of the Private Duty Nursing

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