

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The half-yearly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Thursday, April 14th; Morning Session, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

There were present:—The President in the Chair.

Vice-Presidents—Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

Directors—Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., and Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, and Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., by special invitation. Miss B. Kent, President Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, Miss Mildred F. Hughes, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League (afternoon), Miss M. E. Sparshott, President, College of Nursing, Miss Cuthbert, President, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, Miss J. Thornton Ruddy, President, The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, Miss Isabel Macdonald, President, The League of Private Nurses, Miss Annie McWillie Peterkin, C.B.E., President, The Association of Queen's Superintendents (morning), Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association, Miss D. K. Graham, President, The League of Sister Tutors (afternoon).

MINUTES.

The Minutes were read by the Hon. Secretary and signed.

The absence of Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, through indisposition, was notified and received with regret.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were read from Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Miss Marshall, President, The National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League; and Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C., President, Scottish Matrons' Association.

Application for Affiliation.

An Application Form duly inscribed was received from The League of London Hospital Nurses, signed by Miss Dorothy Harvey, Hon. Secretary of the League.

Name of President: Beatrice Marsh Monk.

Name of Hon. Secretary: Dorothy Harvey.

Number of Members: 530.

Date of Application: February 1st, 1932.

It was unanimously agreed to admit The League of London Hospital Nurses to the National Council of Nurses, and pleasure was expressed by those present in receiving the application and in adding Miss Beatrice Monk, late Matron, London Hospital, to the list of ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee and Grand Council.

Change of President.

A letter was received intimating that Miss Amy B. Curtis had been elected to succeed Miss McDonald as President of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League. It was agreed to welcome Miss Curtis, who had a long association with the Victoria League and National Council.

New Delegates.

The following new delegates were nominated by their respective organisations and approved: Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Treasurer, I.C.N., Miss Brinton retired; Miss Cicely Tafe, Matron, The National Hospital, Queen's Square, W.C., by the University College Hospital Nurses' League, increase of representation;

Miss Olive Baggallay, by the College of Nursing in the place of Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N. Leeds, Hon. President of the General Infirmary, Leeds, Nurses' League; Miss Littleboy, Matron, London Hospital; Miss McEwan and Miss Reynolds, The League of London Hospital Nurses.

Report of the Standing Advisory International Committee.

The Report of the above Committee was read by the Hon. Secretary and approved, the gist of which was reported in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the March issue.

Hon. Treasurer's Report.

The following Report, signed by Miss M. Breay, was read by the Hon. Secretary:—

It will be remembered that at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council it was agreed to invite the Affiliated Associations to make a Special Donation of £1 to £5 to meet the expenses of the financial year ending September 30th, 1932. The Affiliated Associations were accordingly circularised, and there has been a generous response, many of the Associations contributing the full amount of £5. We have received from the following:—

The Matrons' Council	£5	0	0
The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council	£1	1	0
The Registered Nurses' Association	£1	1	0
The League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses	...	£5	0	0
Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League	...	£1	0	0
National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League	£0	10	0
L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union	...	£1	1	0
Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League	...	£1	1	0
College of Nursing	£5	0	0
Association of Hospital Matrons	£5	5	0
Mental Hospital Matrons' Association	...	£5	0	0
Infectious Hospital Matrons' Association	...	£5	0	0
Nightingale Fellowship	£5	0	0
League of Private Nurses	£1	1	0
University College Hospital Nurses' League	...	£2	2	0
County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association	£2	2	0
League of Sister Tutors	£1	1	0
Scottish Matrons' Association	£5	0	0
Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.	£2	2	0

Amounting to £54 7s. od., and £5 has been promised by the British College of Nurses (since received). I feel sure the Executive Committee will wish to send a letter of appreciation to the various contributors.

Beyond this amount our estimated income from Annual Dues up to September 30th, 1932, is £17.

In regard to Per Capita fees we have received to date £326 7s. 9d., £277 3s. 6d. is now due to the International Treasurer, and has been paid to Miss E. M. Musson, and the balance is held in suspense for the July to December half year.

MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Treasurer.

Report of Negotiations with the League of Red Cross Societies on the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Scheme.

The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) reminded the meeting that at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Nurses, held in London on November 25th, 1931, three representatives, the President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick), Miss A. Lloyd-Still, and Miss E. M. Musson, were appointed to consult with three members of the Red Cross Society to consider the subject of an International Memorial to Miss Nightingale.

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