

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. November, 1932.

The half-yearly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, October 19th, 1932, at 4.15 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President) was in the Chair, and there were present: *Vice-Presidents*, Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C.; *Directors*, Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.; *Hon. Secretary*, Miss Susan A. Villiers, J.P.; Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D. (by invitation), and Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. B. Monk, R.R.C., Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., Miss A. B. Curtis, Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., Miss B. Kent, F.B.C.N., Miss D. K. Graham, F.B.C.N., Miss G. M. Simms, and Miss I. Macdonald, F.B.C.N.

The Minutes having been read by the Hon. Secretary, confirmed, and signed by the President, letters of regret at inability to attend were reported from Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N. (Hon. Treasurer), Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Miss A. S. Marshall, F.B.C.N., Miss H. L. Pearse, F.B.C.N., and Miss Gregory Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C.

Correspondence.

Letter was read from Miss Eales (of the Association of Queen's Superintendents), stating that the President, Miss Peterkin, will be out of the country for a year, and asking if the Vice-President will be eligible to attend Executive Committee Meetings. The President stated that the Constitution did not provide a substitute, but as it was important that this Association should be represented, it was agreed that the Vice-President be invited to be present at Executive Committee Meetings without voting power.

A letter was read from Mrs. Marjorie Killby, suggesting that affiliated Associations should consider questions included in the Programme for the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Paris next July, and proposing that meetings of Constituent Associations of Nurses should be addressed, and also that if there are any Training Schools which have not formed Associations and affiliated with the National Council of Nurses, it should be done now, as the National Council represents the profession as a whole in this country and the delegates will do so at the coming International Congress. It was agreed that it would be advantageous for affiliated Associations to hold such Meetings if they could be arranged.

Notification of Nominations for Hon. Officers.

1. PRESIDENT.

Nominations were notified from 17 Constituent Associations for the re-election of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick as President. As she was the only candidate nominated, there would be no election, but confirmation by the Grand Council at the Annual Meeting in November.

1. VICE-PRESIDENT.

The same number of Constituent Associations notified nominations for two Vice-Presidents, on the retirement of Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C.

2. DIRECTORS.

Nineteen Constituent Associations notified nominations for two Directors on retirement of Miss R. Cox-Davies and Miss E. L. Macaulay. Nine candidates were nominated.

ELECTION.

The voting for the Election of these officers will take place by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Applications for Affiliation.

The four following Hospital Nurses' Leagues applied for affiliation with the National Council and were admitted:—

1. *The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League.*

It was reported that application had been made for affiliation by the Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League, and it was proposed by Miss Lloyd Still and seconded by Miss Cochrane and agreed that this application be accepted. The names submitted for appointment were: President, Miss Dorothy Madge Smith (Matron); Delegates, Miss B. M. Ballinghall Haughton and Miss M. E. Waterman.

2. *The Nurses' League of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.*

Application had been made for affiliation by the Nurses' League of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and it was proposed by Miss Darbyshire, seconded by Miss Dey and agreed that this application be accepted. The names submitted for appointment were: President, Miss M. E. G. Milne (Matron); Delegates, not yet nominated. It was agreed to accept nominations when they had been made.

3. *The League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses.*

Application had been made for affiliation by the League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses, and it was proposed by Miss Cox-Davies, seconded by Miss Bushby and agreed that this application be accepted. The names submitted for appointment were: President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C. (Matron); Delegates, Miss C. Keys-Wells and Miss V. M. L. Cater.

4. *The Nurses' League of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.*

Application had been made for affiliation by the Nurses' League of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, and it was proposed by Miss D. K. Graham and agreed that this application be accepted. The names submitted for appointment were: President, Miss J. C. Cowie (Matron); Delegates, Miss E. Monie and Miss E. Cummings Robb.

Nominations of Delegates.

The following nominations of Delegates from Affiliated Associations were received, and they were appointed:— Miss Cicely Tafe, Matron of the National Hospital, as a third Delegate from the University College Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., in place of Miss Brinton as a representative of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

Miss Olive Baggallay, in place of Miss E. Steele Innes as a Delegate from the College of Nursing, and

Miss Rhoda Metherell in place of Miss C. A. Evans as a Delegate from the Registered Nurses' Association.

The Draft Annual Report of the Executive Committee to be Presented to the Grand Council Annual Meeting.

The Draft Annual Report to be presented by the Executive Committee to the Annual Meeting in November, as drafted by the President, was considered, and it was proposed by Miss Cox-Davies and seconded by Miss Steele Innes that the Report be received.

Miss Musson proposed and it was agreed to embody in the Report the great regret of the Executive Committee at the illness during the year of the Hon. Treasurer (Miss Margaret Breay). This was warmly endorsed.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation Scheme was then discussed, and the importance of acquiring money for Scholarships during the interim year was recognised.

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