

undertaking this task. Miss Le Geyt asked for assistance in compiling information asked for in a Questionnaire on Public Health Nursing and Organisation in Great Britain, and it was agreed to recommend her to invite the help of Miss McEwen, of the Public Health Section of the College of Nursing, to collaborate with her in replying to the Questionnaire.

A Questionnaire had also been received from Miss C. Reimann in connection with Employment Offices for Nurses, issued by the International Labour Office at Geneva. It was agreed that this International Labour Office should obtain first-hand information from the various Governments associated with it, and that statistics should be compiled to this Questionnaire from such sources.

#### Details of Travel.

The President reported that up to date, Messrs. Thomas Cook, the travel agency, had not been able to secure the necessary information as to the cost of travel, etc., with regard to the Paris-Brussels Congress next July.

#### Official Delegates to the Meeting of the Grand Council, I.C.N., Paris, July 7th and 8th, 1933.

After considerable discussion it was decided to recommend to the Grand Council the following four Hon. Officers to represent the National Council of Great Britain at the Meeting of the Grand Council, I.C.N., Paris, July 7th-8th, 1933, as its four Official Delegates:—

Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-President, N.C.N.

Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Director, N.C.N.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Director, N.C.N.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Chairman, Private Duty Nursing Committee, I.C.N.

The President explained that she and Miss Breay had *ex-officio* seats on the I.C.N. Grand Council as Foundation Councillors, and Miss E. M. Musson in her capacity of Treasurer of the I.C.N.

#### Constitution and Bye-laws, International Council of Nurses

It was agreed to recommend amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the International Council of Nurses, conducive to the more efficient organisation of the work of the Council for consideration at the meeting of the Grand Council Annual Meeting.

#### Other Business.

The date of the Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was fixed for Wednesday, November 23rd, 1932.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### PLEASURE EXPRESSED.

In acknowledging to the Hon. Secretary the notification of her *ex-officio* seat on the Executive Committee of the N.C.N., Miss Dorothy Smith, President, The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League, writes: "Thank you for your letter telling me that the Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League was admitted to membership of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. I will tell the Council at its next meeting, and I am sure all the Members will be delighted with the news."

Miss C. Cowie writes: "Your kind letter admitting our Nurses' League to affiliation with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, is gratifying and inspiring to us, and October 19th, 1932, is a Red Letter Day in the League's Story. It is also a great privilege to be entitled to a seat on the Executive Committee for myself as President. I have high hopes of what this widening of our horizon is to do for our 'home keeping wits.' We look forward to seeing our League figuring in the print of your beautiful Journal."

We feel sure the Committee will be as pleased to welcome the new Presidents as they are to participate in its deliberations.

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE LEAGUE OF LONDON HOSPITAL NURSES.

Just after going to press last month, we received a copy of *The Review*, No. 1, the official organ of the League of London Hospital Nurses.

This journal is presented in a very sympathetic tone of blue cover, and contains as frontispiece a picture of the London Hospital in 1753, a compact little institution with open spaces all around, and another view taken from the air in 1925, a town in itself and situated, as we know, in the centre of a densely populated district, where the healing art is practised with every modern means available.

We read *The Review* with pleasure and profit, and realised it had been designed and handled by an organising brain, all is so well compiled. We note a list of Officers and Committee, the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and when we come to the Editorial it gives prominence to the value of a journal as a link between members, in which all can take a part by contributions in making the League really alive.

"The Matron's Letter," in which an appreciative reference is made to the life's work, and death of Lord Knutsford, and of the "Remembrance Fund," "to be devoted to the completion of necessary additions and improvements on which he had set his heart."

To those of us who were Sisters at the London in the seventies of the last century—a little band of some thirty sisters all told—the list in 1932 is amazing, and proves the progress and recognition of the value of Nursing in a hospital's organisation during the past half century. From the list of Appointments of Sisters up to date, the Staff consists of one Matron, one Assistant Matron, eight Matron's Assistants, eighteen Household, Home and Tutor Sisters, five Night Sisters, eleven Out-patient and Departmental Sisters, four Massage and X-Ray Sisters, thirty-five Ward Sisters, one Nurses' Sick Room Sister, and sixteen Holiday Sisters, together with two District Midwives—upwards of 100 all told!

Results in Hospital and State examinations are recorded, and full reports of League Meetings, including Miss McEwan's Report of the Special Meeting of the National Council of Nurses, held on May 28th at 39, Portland Place, to discuss the Florence Nightingale International Memorial.

Swimming, Tennis, and a very satisfactory Balance Sheet also appear, and what we should like to reprint in full, a most valuable Lecture on "Nursing and Brain Surgery," delivered by Mr. Hugh Cairns, M.B., F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon to the London Hospital and to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale.

We heartily congratulate "The League of London Hospital Nurses" on the comprehensive extent and value of the first issue of their *Review*, which will, we feel sure, not only unite them in friendship, but will keep them in touch with their colleagues far afield in National and International fellowship.

Leagues of Nurses are calculated to have far-reaching professional influence in the future—as they are designed to inspire graduate Nurses with a corporate and generous spirit, and power of expression. We have to thank Miss Emily Waind, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, for this very appropriate title, as, when discussing the matter thirty-three years ago, she proposed that the first association of nurse training school alumnae in Great Britain should be called a "League," and then and there "The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses" was founded. We all owe Miss Waind a debt of gratitude for this inspiration.

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