

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 4.30 p.m., tea, by invitation of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, being served at 4 p.m.

The President was in the Chair, and supporting her were Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice Presidents; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss R. E. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Directors; and Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary.

There were present, in addition, the following Presidents and Delegates of Leagues and Associations of Nurses: Mrs. Andrews, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss E. M. Waind, Miss G. Le Geyt (League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses), Miss D. K. Graham, Miss E. S. Laing, Miss H. Ballard (League of Sister Tutors), Miss Isabel Macdonald, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, Miss E. Armstrong (League of Private Nurses), Miss W. P. Solomon, Miss P. Sanderson (Matrons' Council of Great Britain), Miss M. B. Vickers, Miss M. Bridge (Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League), Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., Miss M. V. Lindall (College of Nursing), Miss E. M. Cuthbert, Miss L. C. Hearder (Mental Hospital Matrons' Association), The Hon. Gertrude Best, A.R.R.C., Miss D. S. Coode, Mrs. Seymour, M.A. (Oxon) (Nightingale Fellowship), Miss M. A. Milne (Nurses League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington), Miss B. M. Monk, Miss G. M. Littleboy, Miss M. McEwan (League of London Hospital Nurses), Miss M. A. Willcox, A.R.R.C., Miss D. Finch, R.R.C., Miss E. E. P. MacManus, C.B.E. (Association of Hospital Matrons), Miss C. Keys Wells, Miss V. Cater (Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' League), Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss K. Latham, R.R.C., Miss E. J. Haswell (British College of Nurses), Miss J. Ruddy, Miss Dorothea Webb, Miss A. S. Bryson (Infectious Hospital Matrons' Association), Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., Miss B. O. Hill (Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League), Miss Dorothy M. Smith, Miss B. M. Ballinghall Haughton (Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League), Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss E. E. Monie, Miss E. C. Robb (Royal Alexandra Infirmary Nurses' League, Paisley), Miss R. Metherell, Miss E. E. Fowler (Registered Nurses' Association), Miss B. Kent, Miss Kathleen Smith, R.R.C. (Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council), Miss M. E. Craven, D.N., Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C. (Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League), Miss D. M. Moase, Miss E. J. Jenkins (Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham Nurses' League), Miss A. B. Curtis (Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League), Miss M. Campbell (Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League), Miss E. W. Littlejohn (National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League), Miss E. F. Brownson (London County Council School Nurses' Social Union).

### AGENDA.

#### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President stated that with regard to the Questionnaire (1) on Nursing Education, (2) on Nursing Practice, Miss Rundle, Secretary of the College of Nursing, was asked if she could help with the replies. This she had kindly done, and it had been sent to Headquarters of the I.C.N. at Geneva.

The President called the attention of the Meeting to a point of order. She informed them that advice had been

taken, and the reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Grand Council could be referred to another Special Meeting, if agreed by the Grand Council. This was agreed.

### Correspondence.

Letters received would be considered later with the Reports. The President pointed out that under the present Constitution delegates nominated by associated organisations were elected and had to be approved by the Executive Committee which met once in six months, before being eligible to attend Council Meetings. Therefore if through sickness and retirements Associations had not always their full complement of delegates the Council would have to decide how to remedy this matter.

### THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President presented the Report of the Executive Committee, which showed that very strenuous work had been successfully accomplished. Five important Leagues of Nurses had been affiliated, The London, Middlesex, Charing Cross, St. Mary's, Paddington, and the Royal Alexandra, Paisley, an additional membership of nearly 1,500. The appointment of new Presidents and Delegates were recorded associated in self-governing Associations, in which self-expression and professional responsibility had full scope.

The successful work of the Congress Committee of the National Council of Nurses and the British Red Cross Society, which had drafted a Scheme for a Florence Nightingale International Foundation, was presented and was already arousing wide and sympathetic interest in many parts of the world.

### Florence Nightingale Day.

The following Resolution had been unanimously adopted:

"That the International Council of Nurses be invited to adopt a date as 'Florence Nightingale Day' when the Nurses of the World may express gratitude for their association with her genius."

### Arrangements for I.C.N. Congress.

Active correspondence had taken place between the President who is a member of the Programme Committee, and the Officers of the International Council of Nurses in the arrangements for the Meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council in Paris-Brussels, July 4th to 15th, 1933.

The following members have been nominated by our Grand Council to take part in the proceedings:—

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Treasurer International Council of Nurses, was nominated by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, as a Member of the Programme Committee to take part in the Opening Session of the Congress in Paris on July 10th, to give an Address of Welcome in English after M. le Ministre de la Santé Publique and other eminent French officials.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will preside at the Sectional Meeting on the evening of July 11th, at the Reception of Newly Affiliated National Associations and National Representatives.

Miss M. E. G. Milne, Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W., will take the Chair for the Sectional Meeting on July 11th, on "The Preliminary Course."

The following subjects for discussion and speakers proposed by our Council will be found on the Programme.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—(a) The Training of Nurses for Secretarial Office. (b) The Training of Nurses for Professional Journalism.

Miss Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas's Hospital.—The Organisation of Preliminary Training Schools for Nurses.

Miss Isabel Macdonald.—The Compulsory State Registration of Nurses.

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