

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held on Wednesday, April 26th, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 4.30 p.m.

The President entertained the members present to tea at 4 p.m.

There were present: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair; Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Vice-Presidents; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss I. Macdonald, Directors, Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Bulman, President Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League, Miss D. M. Smith, President Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League, Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, Miss G. M. Simms, President, Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League, Miss D. K. Graham, President, League of Sister Tutors, Miss E. M. Cuthbert, President Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, and Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C. Official Delegate I.C.N., and Miss M. Wilmshurst, by special invitation, to represent the President of the Association of Queen's Superintendents.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss Villiers, read the Minutes, which were agreed and signed.

A large number of letters of regret at non-attendance were notified.

Correspondence.

Letter from Miss G. M. Bulman, expressing pleasure at the re-affiliation of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League.

Letter of appreciation from Miss M. McEwan for Vote of Thanks for helping to reply to Questionnaire.

Letters from Miss Cox-Davies and Miss Duff-Grant re taking part in pageants in London and Paris as Eleanor of Castile.

Letter from Miss M. G. Milne reporting appointment as Principal Matron, London County Council, and inability to fulfil engagement at the I.C.N. Congress in Paris in July.

Letter from the Secretary of the College of Nursing notifying the appointment of Mrs. Rome, as President of the College, and inability to attend meeting owing to the annual meeting of the College in Aberdeen.

It was proposed from the Chair and unanimously agreed to send a vote of thanks to Miss M. E. Sparshott, the retiring President, for her attendance at meetings and active interest in the work of the National Council of Nurses.

Application for Affiliation.

1. An Application Form duly inscribed was received from the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, signed by Miss Phyllis Mary Lodge, Hon. Secretary, Name of President, Miss Edith Cockeram. Number of Members 300. Names of Nominated Delegates, Miss Beatrice Margarita Carless and Miss Phyllis Mary Lodge.

The President explained that the application was for re-admission to the National Council, the League having resigned in 1916. There had been no change in the basic principles of the National Council; it stood as it had always stood for self-government by Nurses in their own associations, and she felt sure the re-inclusion of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League and its nominees would be welcomed by the Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to re-admit the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

2. An Application Form duly inscribed was received from The League of Trained Nurses, the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, signed by Miss Ellen Mathieson, the Hon. Secretary.

Name of President, Miss Winifred W. Bowling. Number of Members 82. Name of Nominated Delegate, Miss Ellen Mathieson.

It was unanimously agreed to admit the League of Trained Nurses, the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

King's College Hospital Nurses' League.

The following letter was reported from King's College Hospital Nurses' League:—

To the Secretary,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

16th March, 1933.

Dear Madam,

I am instructed by my Committee to say that owing to the high rate of the capitation fee we very much regret that we cannot entertain the idea of affiliation with the National Council of Nurses.

We note that in your letter of 6th Feb. you allude to the fact that this fee is to be discussed in July next and we sincerely hope that if it is reduced we shall be able to reconsider it.

We are rather a large Association, about 850, and growing fast, so you will see that it would be rather expensive.

Yours very truly,

DOROTHY DIXON, Hon. Sec.

The President pointed out that the entire capitation fee merely passed through the banking account of the N.C.N. and was forwarded to the Treasurer of the I.C.N., and that these large subscriptions seriously affected the national income and power of expansion. The question was on the Agenda to be discussed under various amendments for the forthcoming Meeting of the I.C.N.

Miss Musson and others discussed the matter.

Nomination of Delegates.

By the College of Nursing.—Mrs. Edith MacGregor Rome, elected President.

Association of Queen's Superintendents.—Miss Harrison, Queen's Nurses' Home, Park Street, Hull, in place of Miss Farrant, resigned.

The nominations were approved.

Nightingale Scholarship Report.

It was reported that, in accordance with the direction of the Special Executive Committee, a cheque for £500 was paid into Coutts's Bank, on March 14th, for two Nightingale Scholarships, through the National Florence Nightingale Committee of Great Britain, which would be administered by the Conjoint Committee.

Since the last meeting, £97 16s. had been received in donations, and the Balance at the Bank in No. 2 account of the Council was £228 12s. 2d.

Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught had graciously subscribed £5 5s., and signified her interest in the Fund.

Miss Littleboy, Matron of the London Hospital, notified that she hoped to forward £250 for the League Scholarship at an early date; and Miss M. Sim and Miss M. L. Taylor, two Matrons in St. John's, Newfoundland, had collected £10 to be sent through the British College of Nurses.

The Conjoint Committee which was administering the interim fund, 1933-1934, had met in London, and it was announced that together with the eight Scholarships subscribed for in Great Britain, the fifteen Scholarships were now promised. The President stated that she was preparing a Report for the Florence Nightingale International

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