

Memorial Committee of the I.C.N., to be presented in Paris.

The Report was approved.

#### To Receive Nominations for two Florence Nightingale Scholarships.

Four Applications for Scholarships were received from nurses in England. No application had been received from Scotland.

It was agreed that a Selection Sub-Committee should interview the candidates as early as possible as the matter was urgent.

#### Amendments to the Constitution of the I.C.N.

Amendments to the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses, proposed by Miss C. Reimann, were submitted for consideration and the instruction of Delegates. A consensus of agreement was arrived at.

#### Nomination of Officers, I.C.N.

The Ticket issued from Headquarters, drafted by Miss Susan C. Francis (Chairman of the Nominating Committee), was then discussed. This Ticket announced names of selected Candidates and gave names and country of residence and qualifications, but failed to give the nominating authority. Moreover, although there had been three nominations for the office of First Vice-President, only one name had been inserted on the Ticket, and only three names out of six nominated as Second Vice-President were placed upon the Ticket.

The President had considered this action upon the part of the Nominating Committee so unsatisfactory that she had requested the Secretary to provide her with a list of nominating authorities. This information had been refused, both by the Secretary and Miss Francis. Upon receiving such refusal she had written in the following terms to Miss Francis:—

Dear Miss Francis,—Miss Reimann has forwarded to me a copy of your letter refusing to supply me with a list of the Nominating Authorities for Candidates for election as Officers of the International Council of Nurses.

I am of opinion that every member of the Governing Body, the Grand Council, of which I am one, has a right to the information I require before recording their votes for candidates on the Governing Body, and that as a bureaucratic system, which amounts to *secret* nominations, cannot be further tolerated, I must regretfully bring the matter before the Board of Directors at its meeting in Paris in July.

I am, Yours sincerely,

ETHEL G. FENWICK, *President*.

She had sent a copy of the letter to Mlle. Chaptal, President of the I.C.N., and to Miss Reimann, Secretary.

Very strong exception had been taken to this Ticket by the Federation of Belgian Nurses whose President (Mlle. Hellemans) was on the Nominating Committee and who had not been consulted on its decisions, and also by the omission of the names of all their nominees from the list.

The matter was thoroughly considered by the Committee, and it was agreed that the Bye-Law governing the Nominating Committee was of a very unsatisfactory nature and needed amendment. It was agreed that the Bye-Law should be brought up for amendment as early as possible, making it compulsory that every name submitted by the member organizations should be placed on the Nomination Ticket before the Ballot Paper was submitted, and that any country in arrears with their dues should not have the privilege of nominating officers.

#### Nominations for President.

The President reported that their nomination of Miss

Alicia Lloyd-Still, as President, had, she learned from various sources, been widely supported by—

Great Britain.	Holland.
United States of America.	India.
China.	Norway.
France.	South Africa.
	New Zealand.

Generaloberin Maida Lübben had been nominated by Germany and Sweden.

#### First Vice-President.

By omitting names from Ticket, delegates are deprived of voting power, the name of Miss Clara D. Noyes, U.S.A. alone being placed on the list.

#### Second Vice-President.

Miss M. E. Abram (India), Miss Bella Gordon Alexander (South Africa), and Miss Inge Funding (Denmark).

#### Secretary.

Miss Christiane Reimann (Denmark).

#### Treasurer.

Miss E. M. Musson (Great Britain), and Miss C. P. Kuettenbelt (Holland).

The President brought forward other matters it was agreed to consider in Paris.

The President reported that to date 173 Identification certificates had been applied for—but many nurses were attending the Congress whose arrangements were not yet made.

For the first hundred tickets issued there would be three free tickets allowed, she therefore proposed that as the College of Nursing members were in the ascendant one should be sent to the Secretary, for distribution. This was agreed.

One ticket was allocated to a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, and it was agreed the third should be balloted for.

With regard to the two trains leaving London for Paris on July 8th, it was necessary to have a responsible person to refer to in case of need. Miss Villiers had consented to act on the afternoon train, and it was agreed to invite Miss Stewart Bryson to act as referee on the train leaving Victoria at 9 a.m. There would be a representative of Messrs. Cook in each train.

#### To receive a Report re "Nurses Registration Act, 1919 (Amendment Bill)."

It was reported that Mr. Joseph Batey, Labour Member for Spennymoor, had introduced a Bill into the House of Commons on April 3rd, "The Nurses Registration Act, 1919 (Amendment Bill)" without any consultation with Registered Nurses. The Bill provided for the registration of existing Nurses for a term of one year without examination, a proposal which would nullify the educational work of the General Nursing Council for the past ten years. The British College of Nurses and the Royal British Nurses' Association had taken prompt action in protesting to every member of the House of Commons and inviting their support in blocking the Bill. The Bill was down for Second Reading on April 12th and on April 28th, and was blocked on both occasions. The utmost vigilance would be necessary on the part of efficiently trained, examined and Registered Nurses to prevent the degradation of their status, and the Register, to protect the public from untested attendants. The members present appeared fully alive to the danger of Mr. Batey's Bill, and prepared to help to avert the evils which must result from its passing into law. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Fenwick (President) for attending a Public Meeting and exposing the fallacies and inaccurate statements there made by Mr. George Gibson and other trades union officials.

The Meeting then terminated.

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