

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 at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1933, at 4.15 p.m. The President entertained the members present to tea at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss I. Macdonald, Directors; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C., President, College of Nursing, Miss B. M. Monk, President, The London Hospital League of Nurses, Miss D. M. Smith, President, Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League, Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., President, Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League, Miss B. Kent, President, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, Miss D. K. Graham, President, The League of Sister Tutors, Miss E. M. Cuthbert, Chairman, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, and by invitation, Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.

The Minutes were then read by the Hon. Secretary, and confirmed and signed by the President.

BUSINESS ARISING.

The President reported that as a result of her correspondence with the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the I.C.N. the omission of certain names on the election papers was brought before the Grand Council, and the Council agreed to have three other names inserted on the Ballot papers, at the Election for Hon. Officers.

The President also stated that such strong objection to Mr. James Batey's Bill (Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, Amendment Bill) had been registered by the leading Nurses' Organisations that its second reading had been successfully blocked, and the Bill had been withdrawn from the House of Commons.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of regret at inability to attend the Meeting were received from: Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss M. Wilmshurst, Miss Gregory Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Husband, Miss G. M. Simm, R.R.C., Miss Cockeram, Miss A. B. Curtis, Miss M. F. Hughes, Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss E. Steele Innes, R.R.C., D.N., Miss Bullivant, Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Miss A. S. Marshall.

Letter from Miss Milne, notifying her resignation as President of the Nurses' League of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, upon her appointment as Principal Matron by the London County Council. No intimation had as yet been received from the League as to who had been appointed President in her place.

Letter of thanks from Miss Sparshott for letter notifying a vote of thanks for her services on the Executive Committee as President of the College of Nursing.

Letter of thanks from Miss Fowler for free travel and hotel ticket to enable her to attend the I.C.N. Congress, which she had greatly enjoyed.

Letter from Miss MacCormac resigning her position as delegate from the British College of Nurses.

Letter from Miss Rundle resigning her position as delegate from the College of Nursing, and reporting that Miss Katherine M. Roe had been nominated as Delegate from the College of Nursing in her place.

Letter from Miss Norah Green, General Secretary, National Council of Women of Great Britain re the Annual Meeting and Conference held at Torquay from 9th to 13th

October, 1933. The President pointed out that owing to the National Council of Women holding its Annual Meeting early in October, prior to the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the National Council of Nurses was unable to express its opinion on the Resolutions submitted. She drew the attention of the Meeting to the fact that the following Resolution was proposed by Mrs. Keynes, J.P., and seconded by Miss Gwatkin, Member General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

"That this Council is of opinion that in order to increase the number of suitable candidates for the Nursing Profession it should be made possible for pupils to take part of the Preliminary Examination before leaving a secondary school, thus stimulating their interest and relieving the pressure of the first year in hospital."

Although a few professional Delegates spoke in opposition, others were unable to voice their opinions owing to lack of time, and the Resolution was adopted by a large majority of the laity present.

TO NOTIFY NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA PAPER FOR THE MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, IN NOVEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE VI):

One Vice-President.

Nominations were notified from 21 Constituent Associations for the office of one Vice-President, on the retirement in rotation of Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C. Two candidates were nominated, Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.

Two Directors.

Twenty-one Constituent Associations notified nominations for two Directors on the retirement in rotation of Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss H. L. Pearse. Four candidates were nominated: Miss M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Matron, London Hospital; Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone; Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Matron, Guy's Hospital; and Miss A. Richardson, Matron, Warneford Hospital, Oxford.

One Hon. Treasurer.

Twenty Constituent Associations had nominated Miss Margaret Breay for re-election as Hon. Treasurer. As she was the only candidate nominated, there would be no election, but confirmation by the Grand Council at the Annual Meeting in November.

One Hon. Secretary.

Twenty Constituent Associations had nominated Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., for re-election as Hon. Secretary. As she was the only candidate nominated, there would be no election, but confirmation by the Grand Council at the Annual Meeting in November.

Three Papers received too late were declared out of order.

It was agreed to submit the Nominations to the Grand Council at its Meeting in November.

TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES FROM AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The following nominations of Delegates from Affiliated Associations were received, and they were appointed:—
Miss Katherine M. Roe in place of Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., as a Delegate of the College of Nursing.

Miss A. S. Bryson in place of Miss H. F. MacCormac, as a Delegate of the British College of Nurses.

Miss Kerr in place of Miss Bladon as a Delegate of the Scottish Matrons' Association.

It was agreed to thank retiring Delegates for their past services.

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