

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

ANNUAL MEETING.

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 22nd, 1933, at 4.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and supporting her were:—

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, Miss I. Macdonald, Directors; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, 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:—

Miss A. S. Bryson, Miss E. J. Haswell, British College of Nurses; Miss M. Bridge and Miss M. B. Vickers, Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss B. Kent, President, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council; Miss E. F. Armstrong, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, League of Private Nurses; Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss V. Cater, Miss C. L. Keys-Wells, Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. F. Hughes (President), and Miss M. C. Harris, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss J. C. Cowie (President), Miss E. E. Mouie, Miss E. C. Robb, Royal Alexandra Infirmary Paisley Nurses' League; Miss C. Winn, Miss J. Jenkinson Bain, League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss H. Dey, R.R.C. (President), Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss M. E. Hitch, Miss P. Pugh, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Miss B. Ryan, Miss E. B. Harse, Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick; Miss W. P. Solomon, Miss P. Sanderson, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss J. J. O'Brien, Miss C. Tafe, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss R. Metherell, Miss E. Fowler, Registered Nurses' Association; Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., President, Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. B. Salton, D.N., President, Miss E. M. Curling, Nurses' League St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Miss E. M. Cuthbert, President, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss S. C. Hearder, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss H. G. Ballard, D.N., League of Sister Tutors; Miss M. B. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, Miss G. M. Littleboy, Miss M. Reynolds, Miss M. McEwen, London Hospital League of Nurses. Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., President, Miss B. O. Hill, Miss M. Pittman, Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League; Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss G. M. Bowes, Miss D. S. Coode, The Hon. Gertrude Best, Nightingale Fellowship; Miss M. A. Willcox, Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Miss D. Finch, R.R.C., Association of Hospital Matrons; Miss J. Ruddy, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss B. M. B. Haughton, Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League; Mrs. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C., President, Miss K. M. Roe, Miss O. Baggalay, College of Nursing.

AGENDA.

Minutes.

The Hon. Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of regret at inability to attend the Meeting were received from 20 Delegates.

Letter from Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Brabant.

The President reported that in appreciation of the great courtesy and kindness extended to their delegates during their recent visit to Brussels by the Belgian Royal Family, a silvered basket of lovely flowers had been sent to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Brabant whose Birthday fell during her recent visit to London, inscribed in the following terms:—

"The thirty thousand members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain beg to convey to Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Brabant, their sincere good wishes for a Happy Birthday in England." To which the following gracious reply had been received:—

Bruxelles, le 20th Novembre, 1933.

Madame,

Son Altesse Royale Madame la Duchesse de Brabant a été extrêmement sensible à l'aimable attention que vous avez eue pour Elle à l'occasion de l'anniversaire de Sa naissance.

La Princesse Qui a une profonde admiration pour votre institution me charge de l'honneur de vous exprimer Ses très sincères remerciements. Elle forme, en même temps, les vœux les meilleurs pour le plein succès de votre charitable entreprise.

Veillez, Madame, agréer l'expression de mes hommages respectueux.

(BARON) CAPELLE,

Secrétaire des Commandements.

A letter was received from the Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, notifying that Miss M. B. Salton, D.N., had been appointed President of the League.

A letter from the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, notifying that Miss M. Husband had been appointed President of the League.

Notification received from the National Council of Women of Great Britain forwarding a copy of the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting at Torquay on October 12th, regarding the "Training of Nurses," which was read. As the Delegate of the National Council of Nurses had received no instructions and did not attend the meeting no further business arose on that point.

An official letter from the President of the I.C.N. and the Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N. informing the Council of the action of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. in approving the Draft Scheme for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, sent for their consideration through the Board of Directors, and from the Interim Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies and three representatives of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. It was agreed to consider this letter in detail after the Report of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Sub-Committee had been submitted.

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. Four important Leagues of Nurses had been affiliated. The League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; The Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick (Fulham Hospital Nurses' League); The League of Trained Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield; The General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League, giving an additional membership of the Council.

Appointment of Presidents.

The appointments of new Presidents and Delegates were recorded.

Mrs. Edith MacGregor Rome had succeeded Miss M. E.

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