

Sparshott as President of the College of Nursing, Miss M. Husband had succeeded Miss M. E. Williamson as President of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, and Miss Dewar had succeeded Miss Gregory Smith as interim President of the Scottish Matrons' Association. Miss M. B. Salton, D.N., had succeeded Miss M. Milne as President of the Nurses' League of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

#### Change of Delegates.

The following changes of Delegates had taken place during the year. Miss Katherine Roe had been appointed in place of Miss M. S. Rundle for the College of Nursing, Miss A. Stewart-Bryson in place of Miss H. F. MacCormac for the British College of Nurses, Miss Harrison in the place of Miss N. Farrant, for the Association of Queen's Superintendents, Miss M. E. Hitch in place of Miss E. M. Musson, Miss C. Pugh in place of Miss Waind for the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and Miss Kerr in place of Miss Bladon for the Scottish Matrons' Association.

#### The Florence Nightingale Scholarships Appeal Sub-Committee.

As stated in the Treasurer's Report, the Grand Council in November, 1932, appointed the following members to form an Appeal Committee.

Miss G. M. Littleboy (Chairman), Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss E. W. Littlejohn and Miss Dorothy Smith. This Sub-Committee reported direct to the Council its very successful work.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

During the year the chief activities of the Council had been engaged in connection with the meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and Congress held in Paris-Brussels, July 4th to 16th.

These meetings were attended by the two Hon. Officers of the Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Foundation Councillor, I.C.N. and President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, I.C.N., ex-officio members of the Board of Directors, and by the four Official delegates, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss R. Cox-Davies, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, and Miss I. Macdonald, all of whom were present at the Meetings of the Grand Council on July 7th and 8th. There was a full attendance of Officers and Delegates from twenty-two affiliated National Associations, and Associated National representatives from nine other countries, six of whom were ultimately admitted to full membership of the Council, making the number of countries now affiliated, 29.

#### Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors assembled on July 4th, 5th and 6th, in the Salle Pleyel, Paris, and additional Meetings were held both in Paris and Brussels, when an immense amount of business was transacted. Business recommended was considered by the Grand Council at its Meetings on July 7th and 8th.

#### Recommendations.

Recommendations agreed to be sent forward by our National Council for consideration were placed on the Agenda with the following results:—

#### Amendments to the Constitution.

##### Article IV. Officers.

That the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses shall be an Executive Officer appointed by the Board of Directors, and not an Hon. Officer elected by the Grand Council, and that the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the International Council of Nurses shall be consequently amended to this effect.

#### And further —

That this alteration in the Constitution shall not be retrospective.

Together with other amendments this motion was referred to a Special Committee of which Miss Jean Gunn (Canada) was convener, to consider the organization of the Office at Headquarters at Geneva, which recommended that:—

That there shall be an Elected Secretary without salary, to be a member of the Board of Directors, and that the Board may appoint an Executive Secretary at Headquarters who shall be a nurse, and whose duties were defined which did not include the Editorship of the International Nursing Review.

Our recommendation that the International Nursing Review should be issued quarterly instead of every two months was agreed, and that an Editor should be appointed with assistance.

#### Executive Committee.

The resolution proposed by Miss Reimann that an Executive Committee of five persons, omitting the Treasurer, should be appointed to act between Meetings of the Board of Directors, and exercise all its powers was not agreed, an Advisory Committee was substituted.

#### Advisory Committee.

It was agreed that:—

The Advisory Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary and four members of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of four years to represent as far as possible the following Nordic or Germanic, Latin, Slavic and Oriental Countries, United States, Great Britain and her Dominions. The Committee to serve in an advisory capacity when necessary.

#### Finance.

Recommendations concerning placing a limit on per capita subscriptions were not approved. The Board held firmly that the per capita system was the only basis on which international organization could be logically based. The result being that the International Council of Nurses is practically maintained and its work made possible, by the large contributors of a very limited number of countries.

#### Secretary a Whole Time Officer.

The resolution sent forward by this Council:—  
"That as a matter of principle the Secretary of the I.C.N. as a whole time officer, shall not be eligible to accept a permanent official position on any other international organization" was adopted unanimously.

#### REPORT ON THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

As Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee I.C.N., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick introduced the Report of the Committee and gave a résumé of the whole question, she handed in with the Report a copy of the Draft Scheme including the Constitution for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, which provides for the organization of National Committees composed of representatives of Nurses' National Organizations and of the League of Red Cross Societies.

After exhaustive discussion the Draft Scheme was adopted unanimously together with the following Recommendation:

"In adopting the Draft Scheme of the Florence Nightingale Memorial, the International Council of Nurses expresses the desire that since the objective of the Memorial is to perpetuate the memory of Florence Nightingale, and to promote the education of nurses, in the organization of any permanent foundation the nursing profession be granted the majority of the membership on all committees, national and international."

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