

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Tuesday, February 28th, at 4.30 p.m. The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) was in the Chair.

There were present:—

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Vice President, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss G. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss Isabel Macdonald, Directors; Miss S. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss Beatrice Kent, President, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council; Miss M. F. Hughes, President, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. E. Sparshott, President, College of Nursing; Miss M. B. Monk, President, The London Hospital Nurses' League; Miss D. M. Smith, President, The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. C. Milne, President, The Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; and Miss D. K. Graham, President, League of Sister Tutors.

Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C (Official Delegate) and Miss J. Cumming (representative of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association) were present by invitation.

Letters of regret were received from a large number of members unable to attend.

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

Business Arising.

The President reported that Miss G. Le Geyt had completed a short survey of the progress of Public Health Nursing Work in Great Britain, requisitioned by Miss Mary S. Gardiner, Chairman, Public Health Nursing Committee, I.C.N., and also that, with the collaboration of Miss McEwan, the Questionnaire on Public Health Nurses had been answered in full, and together with Miss Le Geyt's Report on the position of the Public Health Nurse and the progress of Public Health Nursing Work, with the Ministry of Health Circulars and Syllabus of the Course of Training for the Health Visitors' Examination, had been sent to Miss Reimann, Secretary of the I.C.N., Geneva. Copies of both documents were submitted.

It was agreed to send a warm vote of thanks to Miss Le Geyt and Miss McEwan for their admirable Reports, which had evidently required expert knowledge and a great expenditure of time in their preparation.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from Miss M. E. Williamson, formerly President of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Nurses' League, intimating that she no longer held that office since her retirement from the position of Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. No official intimation of her successor as President of the League had yet been notified.

Applications for Affiliation.

1. An Application Form duly inscribed was received from the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses, signed by Miss Christine Winn, Hon. Secretary; Name of President, Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C.

Number of Members, 250, Names of Nominated Delegates, Miss Christine Winn and Miss Jessie Jenkinson Bain.

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 League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses and its nominees would be welcomed with pleasure.

Miss Bushby proposed and Miss Allbutt seconded and it was unanimously agreed to re-admit the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

2. An Application Form, duly inscribed, was received from "The Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick," the League of Fulham Hospital Nurses, whose quaint title is derived from Saxon times, signed by Miss Bridget Ryan, Hon. Secretary.

Name of President, Miss M. G. Allbutt.

Number of Members, 135.

Nominated Delegates, Miss Bridget Ryan and Miss Elsie Beatrice Harse.

Miss Allbutt explained that the Bond had originally many years ago been founded by the Medical Superintendent, to include everyone belonging to the Hospital, but that the Constitution had been changed so that the Bond now only admitted trained and registered nurses. The Medical Superintendent and the Chaplain were now only associated in an advisory capacity with no voting power.

It was proposed by Miss Musson and seconded by Miss Macdonald and unanimously agreed that "The Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick" of Fulham Hospital be admitted to the National Council of Nurses.

The President reported that Forms of Affiliation for consideration had been applied for from three Leagues of Nurses attached to General Hospitals, which, it was hoped, would be in order for consideration at a future meeting.

Nomination of Delegates.

The following new Delegates were nominated by their respective organisations and approved:—

By the College of Nursing.—Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, Assistant Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, upon the resignation of Miss H. M. Gratton.

By the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.—Miss M. E. Hitch (Sister Tutor) and Miss P. Pugh, D.N. (Sister), St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in place of Miss E. M. Musson, now Vice-President of the League, and Miss E. Waind, retired after many years' service.

By the Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital.—Miss Mabel Mehew, Matron, Hospital for Women, Soho Square, and Miss E. M. Curling, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

The nominations were approved.

THE APPEAL REPORT.

The following Report was read by the Hon. Secretary:—
Report from the Florence Nightingale International Scholarships Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at its Meeting on November 23rd, 1932, to make an appeal for £500 to finance two Florence Nightingale Scholarships, met twice.

At the first Meeting on December 8th, Miss Littleboy, Matron of the London Hospital, was appointed Chairman.

All Members attended both Meetings.

It was agreed to send a letter of appeal as directed to all the constituent nurses' organisations, excepting the Nightingale Fellowship, the League of London Hospital Nurses, and the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, who had notified the President that they would each donate a Scholarship of £250. The appeal was sent to the Presidents of 30 affiliated organisations.

It was agreed to address the Matrons-in-Chief of the Government Nursing Departments, and of 350 hospitals,

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