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Election of One Vice-President.

There were two Nominations for the Office of Vice-President, Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, the College of Nursing, and

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., President, the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

Eighty-one papers were handed in.

The result of the ballot was declared from the Chair as follows :—

Miss Helen Dey, 57 votes.

Miss Cox-Davies, 24 votes.

Miss Helen Dey was therefore duly elected Vice-President.

Ballot papers for the election of two Directors were then issued to the 82 members present, and were collected in the ballot box.

Election of Two Directors.

There were five Nominations for the offices of the two Directors.

Miss Norah Farrant, Inspector, Queen's Nurses.

Miss M. F. Hughes, President, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Miss E. L. Macaulay, President, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

Miss Marion S. Riddell, R.R.C., Late Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C., late President, the College of Nursing.

Eighty-two papers were handed in.

The result of the ballot was declared from the Chair as follows :—

Miss E. L. Macaulay, 61 votes.

Miss N. Farrant, 40 votes.

Miss M. S. Riddell, 39 votes.

Mrs. Rome, 34 votes.

Miss M. F. Hughes, 6 votes.

Miss E. L. Macaulay and Miss N. Farrant were therefore duly elected Directors.

THE REPORT OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Chairman read the following Report from the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee :—

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee has met twice, on March 13th and November 12th, 1934.

The President was in the Chair, and the following members attended :—

On March 13th : Miss Allbutt, Miss Bushby, Miss Cowie, Miss Littleboy, Miss Macaulay, Miss Musson and Miss Villiers.

On November 12th : Miss Bushby, Miss Breay, Miss Cochrane, Miss Cowie, Miss Dey, Miss Macaulay and Miss Villiers.

The suggestions of the first Meeting were reported to the Executive Committee on April 24th, when the recommendation to adopt a Day of Remembrance was approved, the details to be further considered and placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting in November.

At the Meeting held on November 12th, the following recommendations to be submitted to the Meeting of the Grand Council at its Annual Meeting were unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That " Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day " be instituted and honoured on her birthday, May 12th, instead of a Day of Remembrance on August 13th, the day of her death.

The Advisory Committee are of opinion that the birth

of Florence Nightingale was pre-eminently an event for rejoicing and thanksgiving, and should be so observed.

It was agreed to recommend that the Heads of Nurse Training Schools, of the Nursing Services, Nursing Associations and Institutions, and their nursing staffs, should be invited to celebrate May 12th in such a manner as seemed appropriate to them, and invite a silver collection in support of the Scholarships and Endowment Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in connection with the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Donations to be voluntary.

A Special Stamp.

2. It was agreed to recommend the adoption of a Special Stamp to be sold and used in support of the Scholarships Fund, and it was hoped that every letter posted by nurses on May 12th might bear this stamp, and on such other occasions as they may choose and that these stamps may be purchased by the public.

A Florence Nightingale Calendar.

3. It was agreed to recommend that a Florence Nightingale Calendar be compiled and sold for the Fund with quotations from her writings in books, letters and official reports.

A Florence Nightingale Oration.

The question of a Florence Nightingale Oration was considered. This proposal, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee might, it was thought, be commended for adoption to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, which has considerable power of publicity.

Such Orations should not necessarily be delivered by nurses, but by men or women qualified to render public homage to her genius. Not only as a Nurse, but as an Administrator, Florence Nightingale was incomparable.

The Advisory Committee agreed to recommend that of the £500 on deposit at the bank, £250 should be allotted for a Scholarship for the years 1935-1936 in connection with the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and that £250 should be retained on deposit as the nucleus of an Endowment Fund of £6,000, which would provide a Scholarship from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain of £250 in perpetuity.

This Report is respectfully submitted.

DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still expressed herself in favour of a Day of Commemoration, but reminded the meeting that the British Red Cross Society had adopted Miss Nightingale's Birthday, May 12th, as its day of appeal for charitable purposes. At St. Thomas's Hospital the nurses had a commemoration service on a Sunday near that date.

Miss Musson enquired whether it was proposed that the day should be one of remembrance or for the collecting of money.

Miss Darbyshire said the Red Cross collections were made in the street, not within hospitals; and Edith Cavell Day was observed amongst nurses, at which they made a good collection. She did not think the proposal would affect the Red Cross Appeal.

The President replied that the recommendation was that nurses should commemorate Florence Nightingale's Birthday as a Day of Thanksgiving and in gratitude subscribe a small gift towards the support of the Scholarships and Endowment Fund of the International Foundation. Such gift to be voluntary. It was hoped that the nurses of Great Britain would thus come into touch with the nurses of the world, many of whom already observed this day with joy and thanksgiving, for the birth of Florence Nightingale was

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