

surely a gift of God. No other day would have the same significance. Surely it would be an inspiration to realise on May 12th that it was Florence Nightingale Day, and that all over the world, we nurses were united in support of a memorial after her own heart. Our subscriptions would not clash in any way with collections made by other bodies, as the nurses' oblations would be more or less of a private nature.

The Chairman then invited a vote for or against the recommendation of the Advisory Committee "that Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day be instituted and honoured on her birthday, May 12th."

The Recommendation was supported by an overwhelming majority of those present and carried *nem. con.*

The Report of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee as a whole was then adopted.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

##### REGULATION OF BUSINESS.

Recommended by the Executive Committee:

"That the Executive Committee shall meet four times annually."

The Chairman said that, upon consideration, she would like to suggest three times instead of four, to avoid committees becoming somewhat of a burden to many busy nurses.

This amendment was proposed by Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Darbyshire, and agreed.

#### RECOMMENDATION TO BE SENT BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES:—

"That no Report be issued in the name of the International Council of Nurses without submission to the Board of Directors, and, further, that no Questionnaire be sent out without the consent of the President."

This Recommendation was agreed.

#### TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM MISS M. S. COCHRANE, R.R.C., OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Miss Cochrane thanked the Council for entrusting her with this embassy and said that she had had a most delightful time, and the welcome and hospitality she had received from the Canadian Nurses' Association was unbounded. She had attended most of the Sessions of the Conference, and both at the meetings and elsewhere she had been very struck by the high estimation in which the status of nursing education was held in Canada, and the general trend of progress in the development of nursing education, social status and unity.

She was also very impressed by the manner in which the Conference had been carried out, by the large attendance, and by the enthusiasm which characterised it. At the realistic and inspiring Pageant 1,500 people were present, and between 700 and 800 at the Banquet, which was a beautiful function, and the occasion when she presented the gifts from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. No one could have had a more lovely welcome, and she realised that it was owing to the fact that she attended the Conference as the National Council's delegate. She offered the Council her sincerest thanks for such a great privilege.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

Mr. H. Rendall Gothard was reappointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

The following Votes of Thanks were moved by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick from the Chair, and carried by acclamation.

#### TO THE HON. SIR ARTHUR STANLEY, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O.

The Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to express to the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley its appreciation of his sympathetic support of an International Educational Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, and for acting as Chairman of the Provisional Committee until the Florence Nightingale International Foundation was successfully inaugurated in July, 1934.

#### TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

The Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to express to the League of Red Cross Societies its sincere gratitude for the munificent gift of the Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, London, and its equipment, to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

That concluded the business of the Meeting.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still asked to be allowed the honour of proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair, which was agreed with applause and the meeting then terminated.

#### THANKS TO RETIRING OFFICERS.

The thanks of the Council are due to Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President, and to Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., and Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C. (Directors), for the deep interest they have taken in the work of the Council during their three years' term of office. They are all three good internationalists, and will, we feel sure, continue as *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee to take part in its deliberations and organisation, work which will no doubt be somewhat strenuous in preparation for the meeting of the I.C.N. in London in 1937.

#### THANKS FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED HON. OFFICERS.

##### VICE-PRESIDENT.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital,  
London, E.C.1.  
Matron's Office,  
November 21st, 1934.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES,—I am very proud to have been elected Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and thank those who have placed their confidence in me. My own League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, who nominated me, would, I know, wish me to thank the Associations and Leagues who voted for me.

I have been a Member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses for seven and a half years now and know something of its work. I should like to feel that I might be of some assistance to the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who does such an infinite amount of work for the National Council, and under her to give loyal support in every way to the President of the International Council of Nurses, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, in the work for the forthcoming Congress.

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##### DIRECTORS.

Kent County Mental Hospital,  
Maidstone,  
December 1st, 1934.

DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT,—Will you kindly allow me through the medium of our Journal to tender my very sincere thanks to all the Associations and Leagues, Members of which so loyally supported my candidature at the election on Wednesday, 21st November, for one of the

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