# THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on Wednesday, November 20th,

at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair. and there were present Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Miss N. Farrant, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Directors; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; and Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer.

There were also present the following Presidents and Delegates of Leagues and Associations of Nurses:-

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., President; Miss F. M. Campbell, Delegate.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.—Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss M. Hitch, Miss P. Pugh, D.N.,

Miss G. Le Geyt, Delegates.

The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.—Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., President; Miss M. C. Harris, Delegate. The Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League .-Miss E. Bullivant, President.

The National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League.— Miss M. E. Merrell, President; Miss E. W. Littlejohn, Delegate. The Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.—Miss

M. Campbell, Delegate.

The Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham .-Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President; Miss D. M. Moase, Delegate.

The L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union.—Miss E. F.

Brownsdon, Delegate.

The College of Nursing.—Miss D. S. Coode, President; Miss O. Baggallay, Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss M. V. Lindall, Miss K. M. Roe, Delegates.

The Association of Hospital Matrons.—Miss H. A. Alsop,

Miss M. A. Willcox, A.R.R.C., Delegates.

The Scottish Matrons' Association.-Miss E. Brodie, Delegate.

The League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses .- Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., President; Miss B. Hill, Delegate.

The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.—Miss S. C. Hearder, Delegate.

The British College of Nurses.—Miss E. F. Eburah, Miss D. M. Dickinson, Miss E. J. Haswell, Delegates.

The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.—Miss M. Drakard, President; Miss A. S. Bryson, Delegate.

The Nightingale Fellowship.—Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., President, Miss D. C. Bridges, Miss Florence A. Campbell, Miss G. Bowes, A.R.R.C., D.N., Mrs. Seymer, M.A., Delegates.

The Scottish Nurses' Association.—Miss C. H. McAra,

Delegate.

The League of Private Nurses.—Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, Miss E. Armstrong, Delegates.

The Association of Queen's Superintendents.—Miss K. E. Harrison, Miss J. C. Watt, Delegates.

University College Hospital Nurses' League.—Miss C. N. Tafe, Miss M. Gill, Delegates.

The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association.—Miss E. Dodds, R.R.C., President; Miss Letitia Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., Miss J. Inglis, Delegates.

The League of Sister Tutors .- Miss H. Ballard, D.N., President; Miss M. D. Challenger, Miss C. E. Nelson,

Delegates.

The Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League.—Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., President.

The London Hospital League of Nurses.—Miss M. Parker, Miss M. Revnolds, Miss B. Carden, Miss M. McEwan, Delegates.

The Nurses' League St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.-Miss M. B. Salton, President; Miss M. Mehew, Miss E. M.

Curling, Delegates.

The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League.—Miss Dorothy M. Smith, President; Miss B. M. B. Haughton, Delegate. The League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses.—Miss V. Cater, Delegate.

The Nurses' League of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.—Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss E. C. Robb, Delegates.

The League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses.—Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., President.

The Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick (Fulham Hospital Nurses' League).-Miss B. Ryan, Miss E. B. Harse, Delegates.

The General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League.—

Miss M. E. Southworth, Delegate.

The League of Trained Nurses in the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.—Miss F. Allen, Delegate.

The Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League. — Miss M. Neal, Miss W. Lally, Delegates.

The League of Fever Nurses.—Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President; Miss L. M. Mackie, Miss I. Tulloch, Delegates.

The Liverpool Royal Infirmary Training School Nurses'

League.—Miss M. W. Kershaw, Delegate.

The West London Hospital Nurses' League.—Miss M. E. Craven, D.N., President; Mrs. M. C. Lediard, Delegate.

#### AGENDA. Minutes.

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

#### Correspondence.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were notified as follows:-Miss D. E. Bannon, Miss Constance Keys-Wells, Miss B. H. Allen, Miss M. Wilson, Miss A. E. Billington, Miss E. Cockeram, Miss M. Wilmshurst, Miss M. Pittman, Miss M. Husband, Miss Monie, Miss Mary Jones, and Miss Kathleen Smith.

### THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President presented the Report of the Executive Committee, 1934-1935, which showed that since the last meeting of the Council important work had been successfully accomplished, and had included many national and international contacts.

## Events of Public Importance.

Thousands of Members of the Council participated in two outstanding events of 1935:-

(1) On May 6th, His Majesty King George V, together with Queen Mary, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of His Reign, amidst demonstrations throughout the Empire of devotion and joy. On this unique occasion many of the elder members of the Council received from His Majesty the King's Silver Jubilee Medal awarded as a personal souvenir from the Sovereign for long and meritorious service and specially valued as such.

(2) The second great event, the recent Parliamentary Election held on November 14th last, demonstrated the status of the Nurse as citizen, thousands of Nurses throughout the country availed themselves of the privilege of recording their votes in support of candidates for Parliamentary

honours of whose policy they approved.

The Members of the Council privileged to take an active part in securing legal status for nurses, and the Parliamentary franchise for women, mark these advances in personal responsibility for members of our Profession with a deep sense of gratification.

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