

financial year from the Treasurer of the British College of Nurses for *per capita* fees for the International Council of Nurses for January to June, 1936. This therefore leaves us with an actual balance in hand of £20 1s. 6d.

The Meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses, with its associated Congress which takes place in London in the summer of 1937, will of necessity entail considerable expense on our National Council and is a question which requires consideration by the Finance Committee.

Since the close of the financial year we have received £3 11s. 4d.

In connection with the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Appeal Fund, the audited statement of accounts has already been presented in the Report of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee, and adopted.

The Audited Statement of Accounts of both funds were on the table for inspection.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report was adopted.

REPORT ON AFFILIATION OF THE LEAGUE OF MENTAL NURSES, AND DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE AFFILIATION OF GROUPS OF STATE REGISTERED SPECIAL NURSES.

Before presenting the Draft Report from the Hon. Officers of the Council on the Affiliation of Nurses on the Supplementary Parts of the Register, the Chairman briefly explained what had led up to the consideration by the Executive Committee of the question:—

The Executive Committee had in 1934 received a request for affiliation from the League of Mental Hospital Nurses. Negotiations took place and have been reported, as exception was taken to certain details of its constitution. It was recommended that the League should adopt the addition of "Central" to its title—to emphasise the principle that there should be but one organisation of each special group of nurses. To this recommendation the League of Mental Hospital Nurses did not agree. The Executive Committee then referred the question to the consideration of the Hon. Officers, inviting them to present a report to the Grand Council at its next meeting, restricting affiliation of groups of State Registered Special Nurses to one central organisation in each class. The following report was then presented, received, and discussed:—

Report of the Hon. Officers on the Affiliation of Nurses on the Supplementary Parts of the Registers.

A Meeting of the Hon. Officers was held on November 15th, 1935, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 5 p.m., to consider a Reference from the Executive Committee to be presented to the Grand Council at its Meeting on November 20th, 1935, as follows:—

"To define a Regulation for the affiliation of groups of State Registered Special Nurses, restricting affiliation to one central group of each class."

There were present: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair; Miss Susan A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Vice-Presidents; Miss G.M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C. and Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E.

Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. Breay, Miss N. Farrant, and Miss I. Macdonald were unable to attend.

DRAFT REGULATION.

The following Draft Regulation was proposed by Miss E. M. Musson seconded by Miss H. Dey, and adopted, Miss E. L. Macaulay dissenting:—

"Associations composed of graduates of approved Training Schools for (1) Mental Nurses, (2) Sick Children's Nurses, (3) Fever Nurses, who are registered on the appropriate Supplementary Parts of the Register

maintained by the General Nursing Councils for England and Wales, for Scotland and for Northern Ireland. One Association to represent each group."

The Regulation, if adopted by the Grand Council, to be inserted under Article 111, "Eligibility," which provides that Associations of Nurses of not less than 50 members, having the following qualifications, shall be eligible for affiliation with the National Council (paragraph 2), paragraph 2 to become paragraph 3.

The League of Fever Nurses was affiliated on the basis recommended in 1934.

This Report is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Grand Council.

Amendment Proposed by Miss E. L. Macaulay.

Miss E. L. Macaulay moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Mrs. M. C. Lediard:

"In view of the fact that the Nurses' Registration Act of 1919 makes no distinction as to the classification of nurses and gives every branch of Nursing a professional and legal status, the proposed resolution defining the regulation for the affiliation of groups of State registered special nurses restricting their affiliation to one Central group of each class, I propose as an amendment that the question be referred back to the Executive for further debate and that definite and clear reasons for this distinction be provided for the consideration of the Grand Council.

"The Executive have not considered the following points in sufficient detail:—

"1. The General trained nurse in mental hospitals is at once penalised by the very small representation, and will avoid Mental Nursing.

"2. The proportion of mental nurses to General Nurses is 1-13 and consequently the proposed representation is below all reason.

"3. The policy is short-sighted, because it is becoming more and more evident that to be really trained a nurse must have experience in *all Branches of Nursing*, including these special groups."

The Chairman stated that the principle of representation in one group of nurses on the supplementary parts of the Register had been already approved on two occasions by the Executive Committee, and to refer back this principle for further consideration was not a practical proposition. In the future when a comprehensive curriculum of training might be agreed, this question would be solved, as the general curriculum would include special branches of nursing, but at present that desirable attainment was not possible. She regretted the Mental Nurses did not appreciate the position, as they would be welcomed through a self-governing influential group of their own, and be able to take part in the deliberations of the Council.

Miss E. M. Musson said it would be improper for her to speak as the Chairman of the General Nursing Council, but speaking in her private capacity, she strongly supported the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that Amendments must be put to the vote before the original Resolution.

Miss Macaulay's Amendment, on being put to the meeting, received five votes in favour; a large majority voted against it.

Miss Musson moved as an Amendment that the words "Nurses for Mental Defectives" be added after "Mental Nurses," the numbers of the clauses being altered to suit this insertion.

Miss Musson felt that it would be somewhat invidious to leave out one of the five Supplementary Parts of the Register.

This amendment was seconded by Miss Helen Dey and carried *nem. con.*

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