

The Bristol Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Miss I. Charley and Miss Johnston have been appointed delegates.

Nomination Papers for Hon. Officers.

On August 31st, Nomination Papers for the Election of Hon. Officers at the Annual Meeting were posted to the Secretaries of 41 Member Associations.

By October 1st, 26 Nomination Papers were returned to Miss Villiers, Hon. Secretary of the Council.

Nominations.

Vice-President.—Miss J. C. Cowie; Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C.; and Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E. (Miss MacManus writes that she has not agreed to nomination, and is not standing for election, and Miss Cowie has written withdrawing from nomination.) This leaves the nomination of Miss Littleboy unopposed.

Directors.—Miss D. M. Dickinson; Miss M. F. Hughes; Miss G. Le Geyt; Miss A. M. Milligan; and Miss M. Reynolds.

Hon. Treasurer.—Miss M. Breay (unopposed).

Hon. Secretary.—Miss S. A. Villiers (unopposed).

The Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

The four members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain officially connected with the Florence Nightingale International Foundation are the President of the Foundation, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still; Miss M. S. Cochrane; Miss E. M. Musson; and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. They have seats on the various Committees, and have taken an active part in their work.

Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee, N.C.N., Regulations for Scholarships.

On December 17th, 1935, the Leaflet of Regulations approved by the Grand Council of the N.C.N. for the award of Scholarships (The Florence Nightingale International Foundation) was issued to every President of the Member Associations, inviting her to give publicity to the Regulations.

Selection of Florence Nightingale Scholar, 1936-1937.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 19th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, to interview candidates making application for the Florence Nightingale International Scholarship, financed by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Three candidates had been summoned for personal interview, and after their credentials and references had been carefully scrutinised, Miss Mary Phyllis Welch, S.R.N., Junior Night Sister at the London Hospital, was selected by ballot, and was nominated for confirmation by the Executive Committee and endorsement by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, through which Committee the Scholarship is offered to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Miss Welch entered as a student under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in August, 1936, since which time she has been in residence at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, London, W., and has entered upon a Course of Instruction in Hospital Administration at Bedford College.

Letters expressing gratitude have been received by the Executive Committee—

(1) From Miss K. M. Whitsed, on the conclusion of the Course in Public Health, 1935-1936, at Bedford College.

(2) From Miss M. P. Welch, who has now entered at Bedford College upon the Course on Hospital Administration, 1936-1937, for the great privilege afforded them by this opportunity for study.

Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, 1936.

The following letter was circulated from Headquarters early in 1936, and met with a very generous response, the total amount received being £335 4s. 4d.

DEAR MADAM,—You will remember that in November, 1934, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain agreed at the Annual Meeting that "the birth of Florence Nightingale is pre-eminently an event for rejoicing and thanksgiving and should be so observed," that "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day" be instituted, and honoured on her birthday, May 12th.

It was agreed further that the Associations affiliated in our National Council of Nurses, the Heads of Nurse Training Schools, of the Nursing Services, of Nursing Associations and Institutions and their Nursing Staffs, should be invited to celebrate annually May 12th in such a manner as seems appropriate to them, and invite a silver collection for the Scholarships and Endowment Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has, during the last four years, awarded six scholarships of £250 each, and contributed £50 to the maintenance fund of Florence Nightingale International House.

In many instances a collection in churches and chapels at a service on or near May 12th was the method selected in 1935, and produced satisfactory results.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know whether you are willing to co-operate with the National Council of Nurses in organising this Appeal again this year by inviting voluntary contributions from nurses, or by raising a contribution by a scheme which may appeal to you through the Association or League of which you are President, or from the members of your Nursing Staff.

Such contributions, when collected, should be forwarded to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N., at the above address.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

President.

The Executive Committee recommended that no further appeal for the Scholarship Fund should be made in 1937, as the full Scholarship has been subscribed for, and there is also a surplus available of £85 19s. 4d. Should a special appeal, therefore, be made this year by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation towards the Endowment Fund, this sum augmented if possible to £100 would be available for this purpose if so agreed.

The Executive Committee came to the conclusion not to appeal further for the Scholarships Fund, realising that members of the National Council having subscribed so generously both to this Fund and to the Congress Arrangements Fund should not be called upon for further donations, especially taking into consideration the additional personal expenses which would be incurred by those members of the National Council who will attend the International Congress of Nurses in July, 1937.

The Congress Arrangements Committee.

The Congress Arrangements Committee is a Standing Committee of the International Council of Nurses, of which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was elected Chairman by the I.C.N. in 1933, and who is required to nominate its members. The members are the President of the International Council of Nurses (*ex-officio*), the President; three Vice-Presidents; Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and six Directors of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain; together with Miss R. A. Cox Davies, Miss D. S. Coode, Miss M. S. Cochrane and Miss M. A. Gullan; and to represent Scottish nurses, Miss M. M. Craig, Miss E. Brodie, and Miss M. Husband.

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