

With sympathetic wishes for the prosperity of your Association in the good work its members are doing under such difficult circumstances, and expressing the earnest hope that, in the near future, peace and good will may be restored in Palestine,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

OBITUARY.

We have to record with deep regret the deaths of the following members of the National Council of Nurses: Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, a warm supporter of the National Council of Nurses, and for many years a member of the Grand Council as a delegate of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Of Miss Margaret B. Vickers, delegate on the Grand Council of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League. Of Miss M. V. Lindall, delegate on the Grand Council of the College of Nursing. Of Miss Alice Simpkin, for many years a much valued member of the staff of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

The deaths of these four nurses are a great loss, as their work in different departments of nursing was of exceptional value, demanding the highest type of intelligence and feeling.

Mrs. Andrews did pioneer work as an Inspector under the Local Government Board of maternity wards, nurseries and nursing arrangements in Poor Law Institutions; and Miss Simpkin devoted her skill and talents for many years to the service of the natives of Central Africa in connection with the Universities' Mission.

The Report from the Executive Committee was received with applause, and was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheets of the three funds administered by the National Council of Nurses.

Miss Breay said:—

I have the honour to report in connection with the audited accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1936, that we close the year with a balance in hand of £30 8s. 6d., of this £17 3s. 10d. is for sums due for the year 1936-1937, our actual balance is therefore £13 4s. 8d.

It is satisfactory to note that every affiliated Association has paid its annual dues to the National Council of Nurses, and its per capita contribution to the International Council of Nurses, amounting to £618 19s. 2d., and we have received a welcome donation of £5 from the Nightingale Fellowship.

In addition the affiliated Associations have contributed most generously during the year to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Appeal Fund, and the International Congress of Nurses Expenses Fund. To the Scholarships Fund they have contributed during the year £268 6s. 4d.,

which with a balance in hand from last year of £39 14s. 0d., £28 0s. 0d. received since the audit, and interest on deposit £1 13s. 0d., makes £337 13s. 4d.

In regard to the International Congress of Nurses Fund in response to our appeal for £1,000 to meet the estimated expenses, in addition to the amount to be received later for Congress tickets, we have received, in cash during the period March 12th to September 30th, £595 6s. 0d., and since the accounts were closed for audit on that date £60 18s. 0d., making £654 4s. 0d. We have also received promises amounting to £290, making a total of £946 4s. 0d.

Thus owing to the generosity of our Affiliated Associations and other interested members of the nursing profession, we can face our responsibilities in the coming eventful year with equanimity.

The Report was adopted.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Election of Vice-President.

The Chairman announced that, owing to the retirement of Miss J. C. Cowie, and the notification from Miss E. E. P. MacManus that she had not accepted nomination, Miss G. M. Littleboy was returned unopposed as Vice-President. Miss Littleboy's qualifications were as follows: A.R.R.C., S.R.N.; Cert. London Hospital, E.; President, The London Hospital League of Nurses; Matron, The London Hospital; Director, The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. She, therefore, invited someone to move that Miss Littleboy's nomination be confirmed. It was proposed and seconded that Miss Littleboy's nomination be confirmed and the Chairman then put her name to the meeting for election as Vice-President. Miss Littleboy was unanimously elected Vice-President for the ensuing period of three years.

Miss Littleboy expressed her thanks to the Council. She was then presented with a beautiful bouquet by the Chairman, who thanked Miss Littleboy for her constant interest in the work of the Council, for her attendance at many meetings, and for the great success of the London Hospital League of Nurses, of which she was President. Miss

Littleboy resumed her seat amidst applause.

Appointment of Scrutineers.

The following ladies were elected to act as scrutineers of the Ballot Papers: Miss H. Saunders, Miss D. C. Bridges, and Miss W. P. Solomon.

Ballot Papers for the election of two Directors were then issued to the 85 members of the Council present, and were collected in the Ballot Box.

Election of Two Directors.

There were five nominations for the offices of two Directors:—

Miss M. F. Hughes, S.R.N., D.N., S.C.M. Cert., Guy's Hospital, London; President, The Leicester Royal Infir-



Miss M. F. HUGHES, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N.
(London University),

Matron, Leicester Royal Infirmary,
Elected Director The National Council of
Nurses of Great Britain.

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