

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, April 21st, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss M. F. Hughes, and Miss G. Le Geyt, Directors; Miss E. Bullivant, President, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' League; Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C., President, The College of Nursing; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., President, The Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas' Hospital; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss E. Dodds, President, The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss H. Ballard, President, The League of Sister Tutors; Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., President, Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. B. Salton, President, The Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., President, The League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss M. G. Allbutt, President, The Fulham Hospital Nurses' League; Miss W. Solomon, R.R.C., President, The League of Fever Nurses; Miss M. E. Craven, President, The West London Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. Steele, President, The York County Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. Ingman, President, St. Mary Abbots' Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C. (South Africa) and Miss Gullan were invited to attend as visitors.

The Minutes were read by Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Death of Mademoiselle Chaptal.

The Chairman, with very deep sorrow, reported the death of Mlle. L. Chaptal on March 28th. Mlle. Chaptal was the President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, and the President of the International Council of Nurses, 1929-1933, and President of its Congress in the latter year. The Chairman reported that beautiful flowers had been sent to the funeral on behalf of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and a message of sympathy had been forwarded to Mlle. Jeanne de Joannis on the death of their eminent President.

The Council rose, and, in silence, paid tribute to the memory of Mlle. Chaptal.

The Death of Miss Beatrice Kent.

The Chairman also reported the death of Miss Beatrice Kent, on April 19th, after a short illness. Miss Kent was the President of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, and a woman of great ability and strength of character. The Chairman reminded the Council of the signal services of Miss Kent in relation to the introduction of the Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Commons in 1919.

A wreath of lovely spring flowers had been placed on her coffin from the Council.

It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to her sister, Mrs. W. Cartright and the Council, in silence, paid tribute to her memory.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Regrets for inability to attend the meeting had been received from Miss N. Farrant, Miss M. E. Merrell, Miss M. Husband, Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., Miss H. McLoughlin, Miss M. Wilmshurst, Miss D. M. Smith, Miss E. E. Monie, Miss E. Cockeram, Miss W. W. Bowling, Miss M. Jones, Miss A. B. Baillie, R.R.C., Miss L. R. Taylor, and Miss A. S. Gray, R.R.C.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a communication from Miss Mary P. Welch, the National Council of Nurses' Nightingale Scholar, 1936-1937, who was on a delightful tour of an educational character in Norway.

It was reported that information and the Constitution had been forwarded to the Presidents of the League of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and of the Nurses' League of King's College Hospital, London. She hoped they might give their support to the National Council in the future.

Correspondence brought the question of a limited number of special visitors being permitted to attend the Congress.

It was agreed that such applicants might, upon the discretion of the President I.C.N., and Chairman of the Congress Committee, be permitted to attend, but without any power to vote.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to a Coronation Conference being arranged by the National Council of Women of Great Britain, and also to a Dinner being held on the evening of May 6th, in honour of Lady Aberdeen, and that the Representative Council Meeting will take place at Bournemouth from October 11th to 15th, 1937.

The Chairman also reported that the National Council of Women had prepared a very interesting Memorandum on "The Status of Women," which had been sent to H.M. Government, copies of which were available by application to the Secretary of that body.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES OF PRESIDENTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The College of Nursing.

Mrs. E. M. Rome, R.R.C., in place of Miss D. S. Coode.

The Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Miss A. E. Merry in place of Miss Jessie Davies.

CHANGES OF DELEGATES.

National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss M. S. Marshall in place of Miss E. W. Littlejohn.

The Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Miss G. Moggach in place of Miss J. Myles.

The Scottish Matrons' Association.

Miss Tulloch (but have received no reply to our letter of 19th March, inquiring whom she replaces).

NAME OF SECOND DELEGATE.

West London Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss M. E. Wilmot.

It was proposed by Miss E. M. Musson, seconded by Miss M. F. Hughes, that these nominations be approved.

This was agreed.

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

An Application Form, duly inscribed, was received and considered from:

The Westminster Hospital Nurses' League.

President: Miss Edith Smith, R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron, Westminster Hospital. Delegate: Miss Berthina Alice Horsman, S.R.N., Matron, General Hospital, Battersea. Number of members, 450.

It was proposed by Miss R. E. Darbyshire and seconded by Mrs. Rome that this League should be admitted to membership of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

This was agreed.

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