

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented, but was of such an extensive nature owing to the numerous activities during the past year that it is not possible to publish it *in extenso* in this journal. A copy will, therefore, be posted to each member of the Grand Council at an early date.

The Sections of the Report.

The Report dealt with:—

1. Events of Public Interest.
2. The Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Conditions: Correspondence with the Minister of Health.
3. Changes of Presidents of Affiliated Associations.
4. Changes of Delegates.
5. Applications for Affiliation.
6. The Florence Nightingale Scholarship, 1937-1938.
7. Report on the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, London, July, 1937.
8. Report of the Congress Committee. International Council of Nurses, July, 1937.
9. The International Council of Nurses: Meetings of Board of Directors and Grand Council. Amendments agreed. Election of Officers. Invitations for 1941. Election of Hon. Officers. Election of Hon. Members. Nominations of Standing Committees. Finance.

All Resolutions sent forward by our Council to the I.C.N. were agreed, and all nominees for Standing Committees were elected, with the exception of Miss M. Breay on to the Revision of Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The nomination of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was excluded from the Ballot for the Florence Nightingale Standing Committee, concerning which, to prevent further misunderstanding, she made a personal statement.

Appointment of Scrutineers.

The following ladies were elected to act as scrutineers of the Ballot Papers: Miss W. P. Solomon, Miss N. Farrant, and Miss G. V. Hillyers.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Election of one Vice-President.

The Chairman announced that owing to the termination of three years' office of Vice-President, of Miss H. Dey, Miss E. L. Macaulay and Miss D. A. Lane had been nominated for the vacancy. Ballot papers for the election of one Vice-President were issued to 76 members of the Council present and were collected in the Ballot Box.

Election of Two Directors.

There were seven nominations for the offices of two Directors, owing to the termination of office of Miss N. Farrant and Miss E. L. Macaulay—the following seven nominations had been made: Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss H. Dey, Miss E. Ivett, Miss M. K. Blade, Miss G. M. Simms, Miss I. R. Taylor, Miss E. Smith.

Ballot Papers for the election of two Directors were issued to 76 members of the Council present, and were collected in the Ballot Box.

During the counting of the votes in an adjoining room, the Council adjourned for Tea.

The Result of the Ballot.

Seventy-six papers were handed in.

The scrutineers presented the result of the ballot, which was declared from the Chair as follows:—

ONE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Miss E. L. Macaulay	...	...	...	46	votes.
Miss D. A. Lane	...	...	...	29	"

TWO DIRECTORS.

Miss M. G. Allbutt	...	...	...	37	votes.
Miss H. Dey	...	...	...	37	"

Miss E. Ivett	...	...	...	32	votes
Miss M. K. Blade	...	...	...	23	"
Miss G. M. Simms	...	...	...	11	"
Miss I. R. Taylor	...	...	...	7	"
Miss E. Smith	...	...	...	2	"

The Chairman welcomed the new Vice-President, and two Directors, and in congratulating Miss E. L. Macaulay, referred to the great work she had done on behalf of the organisation of Mental Nurses, and on the practical service she had rendered for many years in support of the work of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

In congratulating Miss Allbutt, the Chairman referred to the great body of Municipal Nurses which she represented and to the interest she took in everything in connection with their welfare.

The Chairman referred to the services rendered by Miss Dey to the Council for many years, and specially in the past year, by helping to promote the success of the International Congress of Nurses.

Miss Macaulay and Miss Allbutt expressed thanks for the honour of election, and their determination to render service to the National Council to the best of their ability.

THE REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

The Report of the Treasurer included the audited accounts of the three funds. No. 1, the General Fund; No. 2, the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund, and No. 3, the Congress Arrangements Fund.

The Balance Sheet of each fund will be inserted in detail in the printed Annual Report to be circulated.

Miss M. Breay reported a surplus in the three funds.

No. 1. General Fund. The Balance Sheet showed receipts £734 2s. 10d. Subscriptions, *per capita*, to the International Council of Nurses, £665 6s. 2d. Balance at Bank, £40 15s. 9d. Every affiliated Association had paid its annual dues to the Council.

No. 2. Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund. Receipts £341 1s. 9d. Cost of Scholarship, £250. In hand to date, £92 2s. 9d.

No. 3. The Congress Arrangements Fund. Donations received, £1,294 16s. Sale of Congress Tickets, £1,659, 3s. 6d. Sale of Programmes, 11s. Advertising, £17. Interest on Deposit Account, £1 9s. 11d. Amounting to £2,973 0s. 5d. Balance of Receipts over Expenditure, October 29th, £1,186, 5s. 7d.

The Executive Committee had agreed that £1,000 should be invested in the name of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in Government Stock. In accordance with this decision £1,000 had been invested in 3½ Conversion Stock at the cost of £27 13s. Balance to date, £147 14s. 2d.

The Congress Arrangements Committee approached Miss Gullan, Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss Digby Pigott, to know whether they would accept an honorarium for their devoted whole time service in the Congress office, but found they preferred to accept a small silver memento of the occasion.

The deaths of Mlle. Chaptal and Miss Beatrice Kent were reported with sincere regret.

The Report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. H. Rendall Gothard be re-appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was proposed from the Chair and agreed with acclamation that votes of thanks be forwarded from the Annual Meeting to the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, and the Chairman of the London Hospital for their most generous hospitality offered to members of the Grand Council of the International

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