

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., on Wednesday, May 4th, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss Susan A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., and Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss M. G. Allbutt, Directors; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss E. Bullivant, President, Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League; Miss M. Husband, President, Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' League; Miss A. E. Merry, President, Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss Beatrice Monk, President, The College of Nursing; Miss M. M. Craig, President, Scottish Matrons' Association; Miss G. M. Simms, President, Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League; Miss H. McLoughlin, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss G. V. Hillyers, President, The Nightingale Fellowship; Miss E. Brodie, President, Scottish Nurses' Association; Miss E. Dodds, President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., President, Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. B. Salton, President, The Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Miss E. Cockayne, President, the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss W. Bowling, President, The League of Trained Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield; Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President, The League of Fever Nurses; Miss A. B. Baillie, R.R.C., President, Bristol Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss M. E. Craven, President, West London Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. M. Ingman, President, St. Mary Abbots Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Edith Smith, R.R.C., President, Westminster Hospital Nurses' League.

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

Correspondence.

Regrets for inability to attend the Meeting had been received from Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., owing to illness, Miss M. E. Merrell, Miss M. Wilmshurst, Miss M. Steele, Miss Mary Jones, O.B.E., A.R.R.C., Miss H. G. Ballard, D.N., and Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C.

Miss E. M. Musson and Miss D. M. Smith who had to attend the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services hoped to attend after its termination.

The Chairman reported that a vote of thanks had been forwarded to Lord Stanmore, Sir Arthur Stanley and Sir William Goschen, passed at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council in November last, for most generous hospitality shown to members attending the International Congress of Nurses in July, 1937.

It was also reported that a letter of thanks had been forwarded to all the members of the Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N. for the services they had rendered in connection with the organisation of the International Congress of Nurses, and acknowledgments of those letters had been received.

It was reported that the result of the ballot held at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council in November last had been communicated to Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. G.

Allbutt, Miss E. Ivett, Miss M. K. Blyde, Miss I. R. Taylor, Miss G. M. Simms, Miss E. Smith, R.R.C., and Miss D. A. Lane, when Miss E. L. Macaulay was elected a Vice-President and Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss Helen Dey were elected as Directors.

The Chairman reminded the Council that it had been agreed to present a souvenir of the Congress to Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. A. Gullan and Miss Digby Pigott for the very great services they had rendered during the organisation of the International Congress of Nurses. These ladies had been approached and intimated that they would be pleased to accept a small piece of silver. The Chairman had acquired a small antique waiter for Miss Bushby, and antique cream jugs for Miss Gullan and Miss Digby Pigott; and read to the Council their letters of great appreciation and sincere thanks for the gifts received.

The Chairman reported to the Council that when Queen Elisabeth of Belgium was at the Belgian Embassy in London in December last, a beautiful bowl of hyacinths had been sent to Her Majesty in the name of the President and Council, in memory of the queenly courtesy shown to members of Congress during the International Congress of Nurses, held in Brussels in 1933. A letter of warmest thanks was read to the Council, sent on behalf of Her Majesty, in which she said she "was deeply touched by your charming thought in sending her those lovely hyacinths on behalf of the nurses of Great Britain. . . . Queen Elisabeth also keeps a lively souvenir of your visit to Laeken."

The Chairman notified the Council that a cable of Congratulation had been forwarded to the Australian Nurses' Federation during the recent 150th anniversary celebrations held in Sydney, and read to the Council a reply signed by Miss Kellett, President, Australian Nurses' Federation, of thanks from colleagues in Australia.

A letter was read to the Council of thanks from Miss Mary L. Lambie, Director, Division of Nursing, Wellington, New Zealand, for the action taken by Miss M. Breay in attending the funeral and placing flowers on the grave on behalf of the National Council, of Miss Arnold, a delegate from New Zealand to the International Congress of Nurses, who met with a tragic death in London.

A letter of inquiry was reported from the Medical Council at Bangkok concerning the qualifications of two nurses wishing to practise general nursing in Siam. The letters had been forwarded to Miss Davies, Registrar-General Nursing Council.

Notification of Changes of Presidents of Affiliated Associations.

The College of Nursing.

Miss Beatrice Monk in place of Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C.

The Association of Hospital Matrons.

Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., in place of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C.

The Nightingale Fellowship.

Miss G. V. L. Hillyers in place of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C.

The League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses.

Miss E. Cockayne in place of Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C.

The Chairman welcomed these new *ex officio* members of the Committee.

Nominations of Delegates of Affiliated Associations.

The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Appointment of third Delegate. Miss D. W. Barber.

The College of Nursing.

Miss F. E. Goodall in place of Miss G. V. L. Hillyers.

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