

Indignation was expressed at the issue to the public of such a document concerning members of the Nursing Profession.

It was proposed by Miss B. Monk, seconded by Miss E. S. Innes, that an expression of the Committee's opinion be sent to the National Council of Women.

#### The Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

The following brief statement on finance was presented by the Hon. Treasurer:—

"I have the honour to report that, since the beginning of the financial year, October 1st, 1937, when the balance in hand was £40 15s. 9d., we have received in annual fees £12 15s. 0d., a donation of £5 from the Nightingale Fellowship, the half yearly interest on the investment of £1,000, £13 2s. 6d., making a total of £71 13s. 3d.

We have received in *per capita* fees for the International Council of Nurses £133 16s. 8d.

*No. 2 Account.*—In the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund we invested in December 1935, £249 15s. 0d., in National Savings Certificates towards an Endowed Scholarship, we have on deposit £50 5s. 0d., and in the current account £128 2s. 9d., making a total of £178 7s. 9d.

*No. 3 Account.*—Since the Meeting of the Grand Council on November 24th, £16 17s. 6d., has been expended in souvenirs to the three voluntary workers, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. A. Gullan and Miss Digby Pigott, leaving a balance at the bank from the Congress Arrangements Appeal Fund of £130 16s. 8d."

#### International Council of Nurses.

It was reported that a letter had been addressed by the President of the International Council of Nurses through the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses to this Council, inviting an opinion as to which part of the United States of America would be preferred as a centre for the International Congress of Nurses to be held in 1941.

It was agreed that the choice of place and time of the Congress could only be decided by the hostess country.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from Miss Effie J. Taylor, President, International Council of Nurses, in regard to an intensive study being made of all matters involved in the setting up of a comprehensive educational programme, which has been discussed by the Grand Council and Board of Directors ever since 1933. This study would be very costly, and Miss Taylor sought the opinion of this Council, as a member organisation of the I.C.N., as to whether it agreed that she should apply for a grant for this purpose from the Rockefeller Foundation.

It was proposed by Miss Hillyers, seconded by Miss Hughes and agreed that Miss Taylor be informed that this Council approved of making application for a grant, and the hope be expressed that she will be successful.

#### Conference to Discuss Urgent Nursing Problems.

The Chairman reported that she had been approached by members of the Committee, Miss Musson and Miss Dey suggesting that a Conference be arranged by the National Council of Nurses to discuss, "in conjunction with other Nursing Bodies, present-day nursing problems."

It was proposed by Miss B. Monk, seconded by Miss M. F. Hughes, that a Conference as proposed be held. This was agreed.

The Chairman pointed out that the Constitution of the Council provided for a Conference of members only. To that it would be necessary to take power to invite representatives of unaffiliated Nursing Bodies, when resolutions would not be in order.

The Chairman pointed out that a Conference Sub-Committee should be formed to deal with this business, and

the following ladies were appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee: Miss E. M. Musson, Miss H. Dey, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss B. Monk, Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Miss M. F. Hughes and Miss H. McLoughlin, with power to add to the number.

It was agreed that power be taken to invite representatives of unaffiliated nursing bodies to attend.

The Chairman drew the attention of those present to an article in *The Times* on the memorandum being sent from the British Medical Association to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and requested them to obtain a copy of this memorandum and study it.

The meeting then terminated and those present adjourned to tea.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the termination of the Meeting of the Executive Committee, a Special Meeting was held to consider the Resolution agreed to at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council in November last, "To enquire into and report upon the conduct of business by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses on July 25th, 1937, whereby the name of the official nominee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was excluded from the ballot for the election of members of the Florence Nightingale Standing Committee."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the Chair.

The Chairman called upon Miss Isabel Macdonald, the proposer of the Resolution, to read a statement resulting from the enquiries made.

Miss Macdonald presented for consideration a Report based on available and irrefutable evidence, which proved the disfranchisement of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in connection with the Florence Nightingale Standing Committee.

At the close of the discussion of the Report which followed, it was moved by Miss Macdonald, seconded by Miss M. S. Cochrane, and carried *nem. con.* (one member present not voting), "That the following Report be made to the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain as the finding of the Executive Committee on the enquiry carried out by instruction of the Council."

The Report as adopted will therefore be submitted to a meeting of the Grand Council in due course.

The Chairman was warmly thanked for presiding.

### THE NURSES' REGISTER FOR 1938.

How the years flit by! Once again the new volumes of the Nurses' Register come as a gift, and as we have said before, it is just the one visible satisfaction for interminable effort in the past. Owing to the addition of thousands of names, it has been necessary this year to conclude the list of general nurses in the Supplementary Part of the Register in Volume II.

The issue of these volumes is proof of arduous labour upon the part of many skilled workers, and its production is very creditable to all concerned.

Handsomely bound and excellently printed, it is a work which should be much more utilised by the general public than it is. We give it a place of honour on a beautiful Sheraton stand and introduce it as a model to many colleagues from overseas.

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