

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 Monday, October 17th, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary; Miss I. Macdonald, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Vice-Presidents; Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Directors; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss M. Husband, President, Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League; Miss A. E. Merry, President, Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss H. McLoughlin, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss G. V. Hillyers, President, Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas's Hospital; Miss M. Wilmshurst, President, Association of Queen's Superintendents; Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. B. Salton, President, The Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Miss D. M. Smith, President, Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League; Miss W. W. Bowling, President, League of Trained Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield; Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President, League of Fever Nurses; Miss M. E. Craven, President, West London Hospital Nurses' League; Miss M. K. Steele, President, York County Hospital Nurses' League; Mrs. M. C. Lediard, President, League of Mental Hospital Nurses; Miss M. M. Ingman, President, St. Mary Abbots Hospital Nurses' League; Miss E. Smith, R.R.C., President, Westminster Hospital Nurses' League.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Regrets for absence were received from Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss M. B. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss H. G. Ballard, D.N., Miss A. B. Baillie, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss A. M. Fraser, Miss G. M. Simms, Miss M. Jones, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. G. Milne, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. Dodds.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

A correspondence with the National Council of Women was read referring to the questionnaire issued by the N.C.W. concerning the Nursing profession—preparatory to submitting a Memorandum to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Many letters were considered and action taken.

An invitation was reported from the Incorporated Association of Hospital Officers to send two delegates to attend their Annual Conference at the Westminster Hospital Medical School on October 28th. Miss D. M. Smith and Mrs. M. C. Lediard agreed to attend the Conference to represent the National Council of Nurses.

NOMINATIONS OF HON. OFFICERS.

On August 31st, 1938, Nomination Papers for the Election of Hon. Officers at the Annual Meeting on November 9th, were posted to the Secretaries of 47 Member Associations. By October 1st, 33 Nomination Papers were returned to Miss Villiers, Hon. Secretary of the Council.

NOMINATIONS.

For President: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
Vice-President: Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

Directors (two): Miss I. B. Clunas, Matron, Lewisham Hospital. Miss Elsie Ivett, Superintendent, Hornsey District Nursing Association. Mrs. M. C. Lediard, Matron, Middlesex Colony, Shenley, Herts. Miss H. McLoughlin, Matron, Infectious Diseases Hospital, East Ham. Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Matron, Guy's Hospital. Miss Mabel Reynolds, Matron, London Hospital.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES OF PRESIDENTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League: Miss M. G. Milne in place of Miss E. Steele Innes, R.R.C., D.N.

The League of Mental Hospital Nurses: Mrs. M. C. Lediard, Chairman, in place of Miss I. R. Taylor.

NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The Association of Hospital Matrons: Miss L. Duff Grant, D.N. (Leeds) in place of Miss M. A. Willcox.

The British College of Nurses: Miss A. M. Bushby in place of Miss E. Eburah.

The League of Trained Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield: Miss Hill in place of Miss E. Cockayne.

Appointment of second Delegate: Mrs. Farr.

The Association of Scottish Queen's Superintendents. Appointment of Delegates: Miss Chalmers and Miss Hamilton.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

Applications for affiliation to the National Council of Nurses were considered from the Radcliffe Guild of Nurses, the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and from King's College Hospital Nurses' League.

It was proposed by Miss H. Dey, seconded by Miss M. F. Hughes and agreed that the application from the Radcliffe Guild of Nurses be accepted.

The application from King's College Hospital Nurses' League was considered and it was agreed to notify the League that attention be drawn to the inclusion of Associates who were not necessarily graduates of schools of nursing, which standard was compulsory for admission to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Consideration of the application from King's College Hospital Nurses' League was deferred.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP.

It was reported at the last Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on May 4th, 1938, that from gifts received for the purpose of awarding a Florence Nightingale Scholarship, there was a surplus of £91 1s. 9d.

The Committee decided to make an appeal to Member Organisations and award a Scholarship for 1938-1939 if funds were forthcoming.

In March the Treasurer had invited the opinion of Presidents of Member Organisations inviting their wishes as to the gift of a Scholarship this year. In response to her letter, several Associations stated they were not prepared to contribute this year.

Ultimately £199 0s. 3d. was received; it was therefore agreed to supplement this amount with funds in hand and grant a complete Scholarship of £250, leaving in hand £38 3s. 2d.

A somewhat limited number of candidates applied for the Scholarship, and at a meeting of the Florence Nightingale Selection Committee, held on July 12th, Miss Mildred Ellerker—trained at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, holding the position of Assistant Home Sister there, who is also a Registered Fever Nurse, a Certified Midwife, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate, who was highly recommended by Miss A. E. Merry, President of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League—was selected, and her credentials presented to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

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