

Communication from the College of Nursing.

The Chairman read a communication from the College of Nursing, and stated :—

"As this document was only received on Friday, April 14th, and was not, therefore, in time to be placed on the Agenda for this Meeting, and whereas statements advanced are a serious indictment of my honourable conduct of business as President of the National Council of Nurses, and whereas the statements are, in my opinion, inaccurate and misleading, I intend to invite the signatories, some of whom were not present at the Meeting, to produce in writing the evidence upon which they have founded their protest, I therefore rule that discussion on this matter must be postponed until I have the supplementary evidence required to place upon the Agenda for consideration by the Executive Committee."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter was reported as having been sent from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the Minister of Health in connection with the Central Emergency Committee :—

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.
December 2nd, 1938.

To—

The Right Hon. Walter E. Elliot, M.C., M.P.,
Minister of Health.

SIR,

CENTRAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

We note in the Press that the Ministry of Health is setting up a Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession for the purpose of compiling and revising as necessary, a Register of Nurses and Nursing Auxiliaries, who would be available in time of crisis.

As the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, as you will see from the copy of the Constitution which I enclose, affiliates all leading Trained Nurses' Organisations, and has a combined membership of some 35,000 nurses, I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of the regulations for the Register, and be good enough to invite our National Council of Nurses to take a seat on the Central Emergency Committee, so that we may take part in the organisation of this National Service.

Awaiting your reply,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

This letter was acknowledged and dealt with in the following manner :—

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
December 14th, 1938.

DEAR MADAM,

Mr. Elliot desires me to refer to your letter of the 2nd December about the Central Emergency Committee, and to say that he has given the closest consideration to the question of including a representative of the National Council of Nurses on this Committee.

The Central Emergency Committee is being constituted in accordance with the advice of a Government Committee, which consulted representatives of the nursing profession, and its members will include two representatives of trained nurses. Mr. Elliot feels that it is important to limit the size of this Committee, whose functions will be of an executive character, and he cannot see his way to giving further representation to the profession.

Mr. Elliot asks me to add that one of the members to be appointed (Miss E. M. Musson) is a director of the National Council of Nurses and in this way he hopes that the National Council will be able to keep in touch with the work of the Committee.

It will be for the Committee itself to work out the machinery for compiling the Register, and "the regulations for the Register" for which you ask are, therefore, not yet available.

Yours faithfully,

H. T. SUMMERS,
Private Secretary.

The President stated that she considered further correspondence with the Ministry of Health waste of time.

Public Health Nursing Committee I.C.N.

A letter was read from Miss Margaret McEwan, Chairman, Public Health Nursing Committee, I.C.N., stating that at its Meeting in July, 1937, the recommendation that National Public Health Nursing Committees be formed in all countries from members of the National Associations affiliated to the International Council of Nurses was agreed. The Board agreed that this recommendation should be sent to all National Associations. Miss McEwan expressed the opinion "that it would be of value to have the help of such a Committee representing Great Britain, and hoped one would be formed."

Miss G. Le Geyt very much hoped that such a Committee could be formed in this country; and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Miss McEwan asking what is being done about the formation of these Committees.

Letters of thanks were reported from Miss E. E. P. MacManus and Miss H. McLoughlin for their election as Directors of the National Council of Nurses.

A letter was reported from Baroness Maria Fiath, Hungarian Nurses' Association, notifying a national Congress of Nurses this spring in Budapest, and asking for regulations *re* State Registration, Examination, etc.

This letter was forwarded to the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for reply, and information had been sent to Budapest.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES OF PRESIDENTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The London Hospital League of Nurses.

Miss Mabel Reynolds in place of Miss G. M. Littleboy.

NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES.

Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League.

Miss E. S. Penny and Mrs. Keay in place of Miss B. H.

Allen and Miss D. M. Moase.

Association of Queen's Superintendents.

Miss Agnes Hill in place of Miss J. C. Watt.

Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss L. S. Begg in place of Miss E. M. Hopkins.

Confirmation of Miss B. M. B. Houghton and Miss E. M. Thompson as Delegates.

The Scottish Nurses' Association.

Miss M. E. Stewart in place of Miss Campbell (deceased).

West London Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss Courtenay in place of Mrs. Lediard.

The Nightingale Fellowship.

Miss D. S. Coode in place of Mrs. Seymer.

Confirmation of Miss Bowes, Miss D. Bridges and Miss F. A. Campbell as Delegates.

The Scottish Matrons' Association.

Confirmation of Miss Stewart and Miss Batley as Delegates

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

Applications for affiliation to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain were considered.

LEWISHAM HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

It was agreed that the application from the Lewisham Hospital Nurses' League be accepted.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

It was agreed that the application from King's College Hospital Nurses' League be accepted; and it was agreed

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