

11. Revision of "History of Nursing."
12. Co-operation with other international organisations :
 - (a) International Hospital Association.
 - (b) League of Nations.
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THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation will meet in London on 10th and 11th July, 1939. At this meeting the Foundation will have to elect its officers, and, as a constituent member, the International Council of Nurses should submit nominations for the position of President of the Foundation, as the term of office of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, who is now President, ends this summer.

The By-Laws (Trust Deed) of the F.N.I.F. provide that nominations for its officers should be sent in sixty days before the meeting, but as the Board meets only a week previously, this is not possible, and past experience proves that the constitution needs amendment in this particular.

Another point which it will be necessary to consider is the term of office of the F.N.I.F., which is two years, whereas the term of office of the I.C.N. is four years.

The presentation of certificates and also the annual dinner of the Old Internationals' Association will be held on the 6th July, and it is hoped that members of the Board of Directors, I.C.N., who will be in London at that time will attend these functions.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to consider the Constitution of the National Council of Nurses, met on May 10th, at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, and there were present: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss B. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.; Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss H. McLoughlin, Miss E. Brodie, Miss M. M. Ingman, Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., and Miss A. M. Bushby.

The President gave a short résumé of the founding of the Council in 1904, and its activities to date, and the Committee considered the Constitution clause by clause, but took no vote, as it was considered necessary to make definite recommendations as to the reorganisation of clauses after due consideration. It was agreed that the committee should meet for further consultation on Wednesday, June 7th, at 4 p.m.

The Sub-Committee met for a second time at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Wednesday, June 7th. There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President in the Chair, Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss H. McLoughlin, Miss E. Brodie, Miss M. M. Ingman, Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C.

Miss M. Breay and Miss A. M. Bushby were unable to attend.

The Articles of the Constitution were considered *seriatim*. A number of amendments were agreed.

It was agreed that the Committee should meet for further consultation on Friday, June 30th, at 3.30 p.m.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held, by kind permission of the Management of the Joint Hospital Board, at the Isolation Hospital, Mays Lane, Barnet, on Saturday, May 13th, at 3 p.m.

On arriving at Mays Lane Hospital, the visitors were welcomed by the Matron, Miss B. M. West (Hon. Secretary), in the beautiful new Administration Block, where the meeting was held.

Miss H. McLoughlin, M.B.C.N., was in the Chair; there was an excellent attendance of enthusiastic members. In the course of a large amount of correspondence to be considered, it was reported that many members had been active in expressing a strong protest to their Members of Parliament on the proposed Recommendation of the Interim Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services. Among the sympathetic replies, the Hon. Secretary reported the following letter from Sir Henry Page Croft, M.P., which was received with acclamation:—

15, Southwell Gardens, S.W.7.

April 20th, 1939.

DEAR MADAM,—I thank you for your letter of 17th inst. My attention has already been called to the Recommendation of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and I certainly appreciate the points which are made clear in the resolutions which you enclose.

I quite realise that such a revolutionary change of policy would be regarded as a breach of contract by registered nurses, and any such change would have to be approached with the greatest caution.

Unless I hear reasons to the contrary, at present not evident, I will certainly oppose any proposed amendment.

Yours truly,

HENRY PAGE CROFT.

Miss B. M. West, S.R.N.,
Matron, Infectious Hospital, Barnet.

The Memorandum compiled and sent to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services from the Infectious Hospital Matrons' Association was submitted, and warm thanks were accorded the Committee appointed to consider this Memorandum.

In the appointment of Hon. Officers, the retirement of Miss H. McLoughlin as President of the Association was received with great regret; and Miss M. Wright, Matron, Isolation Hospital, Biggleswade, Beds., who kindly consented to act, was unanimously elected President. The Hon. Treasurer (Miss A. S. Bryson) and the Hon. Secretary (Miss B. M. West) were re-elected.

Miss McLoughlin, who was cordially thanked for her splendid leadership during her term of office as President of the Association in the past three years, was elected Vice-President, *vice* Miss J. T. Ruddy, who was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Saturday, September 2nd, when Miss Wright, by the kind suggestion of the Biggleswade Isolation Hospital Committee, extended an invitation to the Association to meet there.

At the close of the meeting, the welcome refreshment of tea with excellent confections and ices, for which the very up-to-date lady cook was responsible, was served. The Chairman (Dr. G. Harnett, the Medical Superintendent), Mrs. Harnett, and members of the Hospital Committee joined the members.

The Chairman, Mr. F. L. Snow, in a short and humorous speech, welcomed the members; and Miss Wright (President) gave a warm vote of thanks to the Management for their hospitality and kindness extended to the Association.

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