

Congress would meet in the United States of America. War intervened, Headquarters in London were closed, and later damaged by enemy action, since which date International affairs have functioned in America, first at New Haven, Conn., and upon the retirement of Miss Effie Taylor as Dean of Yale University School of Nursing, the International Office has been located at 1819, Broadway, New York 23, U.S.A., Miss Anna Schwarzenberg having returned to office as Executive Secretary, by arrangement with certain affiliated organisations.

During the War, International fees have not been requisitioned and the International Council of Nurses owes a deep debt of gratitude to the American Nurses' Association, which has most generously financed much of the official work of the Council to date.

Our National Council would no doubt welcome a visit from the International President for consultative purposes.

Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

It was agreed by the Executive Committee at its Meeting held on May 9th, 1945, to summon a Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to be held on June 29th, 1945, at 2.30 p.m., for the election of Hon. Officers and other business.

Upon the kind invitation of Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, it was agreed to hold the Meeting at Riddell House, St. Thomas's Hospital, and all those with a right to be present were summoned.

New Delegates.

Since the decision of the Executive Committee was agreed on May 9th, letters have been received from Miss Helen Dey, Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, Miss M. F. Hughes and Miss M. K. Blyde, proposing that a second Meeting of the Executive Committee should be held to receive nominations of new delegates with voting power. As a recent Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on May 9th, 1945, when it was agreed to summon the Grand Council on June 29th, upon legal advice, I decided not to summon a second Meeting of the Executive Committee, and be held responsible for extending the voting power of this Meeting with newly selected delegates.

The newly appointed President will have power to summon the Executive Committee which approves the nomination of new delegates proposed by Affiliated Associations.

This short Report is respectfully submitted by the Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

The Report was adopted.

Finance to September 30th, 1944.

The audited accounts to September 30th, 1944, were presented, showing a balance in each of the three departments.

General account, £109 18s. 4d.; Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund, £62 2s. 7d.; International Congress of Nurses Fund, £42 1s. 2d.

Funds Invested—General Fund, £1,100; Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund, £249 15s., when repaid will realise £333; International Congress of Nurses Fund, £100.

The Financial Statement was adopted.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Scrutineers having been appointed the following elections of Honorary Officers were announced—

President.

Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., was the only nominee as President, and she was elected by acclamation, for which she returned thanks.

Hon. Secretary.

Miss Mary S. Cochrane, R.R.C., S.R.N., was the only nominee as Hon. Secretary and she was elected by acclamation, for which she returned thanks.

Vice-Presidents 3.

There were five nominees for the election of three Vice-Presidents. The following candidates were elected—

1. Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C. President, The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses and President, The Association of Hospital Matrons.
2. Miss Margaret C. Marshall, R.G.N., Matron, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.
3. Miss Mildred F. Hughes, D.N. (Lond.), S.R.N. President, The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; President, Royal College of Nursing.

Directors 6.

Twenty-four nominees for the election of six Directors. The following candidates were elected—

1. Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, O.B.E., S.R.N. President, The Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas's Hospital.
2. Miss Emily E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Guy's Hospital.
3. Miss M. Sparkes, S.R.N., Matron, The Maternity Hospital, Belfast.
4. Mrs Woodman, S.R.N., Superintendent Health Visitor, East Ham.
5. Miss Dorothy S. Coode, O.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.
6. Miss S. C. Bovill, S.R.N., Matron, The Royal Infirmary, Cardiff.

Hon. Treasurer.

Two nominations—

1. Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N.
2. Miss Beatrice M. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N. Miss Monk was elected Honorary Treasurer.

Appointment of Auditors.

Messrs. Reeves, Gothard and Farries were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

HON. PRESIDENT.

Presidents who have rendered distinguished services to the Council may be elected Hon. Presidents.

The newly elected President, Dame Ellen Musson, having been invited by the Chairman to take the Chair, proposed that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, be elected Hon. President.

"The Members," she said, "of the Grand Council of this National Council of Nurses of Great Britain hereby place on record their deep appreciation of, and thanks for, the outstanding pioneer work done by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the organisation of Nurses and the advancement of the profession of Nurses both at home and abroad, and it is also Resolved that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be and is hereby elected Honorary President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in accepting the honour, thanked Dame Ellen Musson, and the delegates present, for their appreciation of her work for the Nursing Profession.

The Meeting then terminated.

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