

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

A Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was held at Riddell House, St. Thomas' Hospital, London, on November 29th, 1946.

Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on April 5th, 1946, were read and confirmed.

NEWLY AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Nurses' League; the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League; the Association of Sick Children's Nurses' League; the Queen's Nurses' League; the Society of Registered Male Nurses; and the Great Ormond Street Hospital Nurses' League were welcomed into the National Council of Nurses.

RESIGNATION OF ASSOCIATIONS.

The resignation of the National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League and the Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League were accepted, as these Associations were no longer eligible for inclusion in the National Council of Nurses.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dame Ellen Musson, in addressing the Meeting, said she must apologise for resigning her seat at half-time, but a younger President was needed to cope with the future activities of the National Council, as her strength was not equal to the strain of the coming International Congress of Nurses to be held in the U.S.A. next year.

The President reported that the revised Constitution was now completed and in the hands of the printers.

The National Council of Nurses had taken an active part in organising the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses in London last September.

The President reminded those present that the delegates to be appointed to represent the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the Meetings of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses in Washington next year must be reasonably certain they are able to attend, must be used to Committee work, and be versed in nursing affairs.

There is no limit to the number of nurses who can attend the International Congress of Nurses in May, 1947.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presented her Report, in which she stated that *The Nursing Mirror* had requested the admission of the nursing Press at Meetings of the Grand Council, which had been agreed.

No information had yet been received from the American Nurses' Association in regard to the travel arrangements for attending the International Congress.

She reported that she is in communication with agents in the hope of finding suitable accommodation for an office for the National Council of Nurses.

Miss Cochrane reported that it was hoped to open a new Hostel for the Florence Nightingale International

Foundation students in Cromwell Road, London, S.W., in a few months' time, to take the place of 15, Manchester Square, destroyed by enemy action during the war.

THE HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. B. Monk, C.B.E., reported that 44 Leagues of Nurses had paid their annual dues, and on September 30th last the individual membership of the National Council numbered 46,647 members.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

It was agreed that the Royal Sussex County Hospital Nurses' League and the St. Helier's Hospital Nurses' League be admitted to the National Council of Nurses.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The resignation of Dame Ellen Musson as President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received with regret, and it was unanimously agreed that she be elected an Hon. President in recognition of her work for the National Council of Nurses and for the Nursing Profession.

Dame Ellen thanked the Council, and said she would be much honoured to stay with the National Council of Nurses and would do what she could to help.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

President.

The election of President took place, and, with 85 votes, Miss Daisy C. Bridges, S.R.N., was appointed President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Vice-President.

Miss M. F. Hughes D.N., offered to retire as Vice-President to make way for an election; after this arrangement had been agreed, Miss Helen Dey, C.B.E., R.R.C., resigned. Therefore, it was unanimously agreed to ask Miss Hughes to withdraw her resignation, which she did.

Dame Katharine Watt, D.B.E., R.R.C., with 82 votes, was elected a Vice-President.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Miss C. H. Alexander was elected as a Director; and, as Miss M. K. Blyde and Miss D. M. Smith received an equal number of votes, the Chairman used the privilege of the casting vote, and Miss D. M. Smith was elected the second Director.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES IN WASHINGTON, MAY, 1947.

An election took place, and Miss C. Alexander, Matron of the London Hospital; Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, President, Royal College of Nursing; Miss Marshall, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; and Miss D. M. Smith, Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, were appointed official delegates for the National Council of Nurses.

PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE REORGANISATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The President read the proposed plan for the Reorganisation of the International Council of Nurses, submitted by Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, the Executive Secretary, which was published in full in the last issue of this Journal.

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