

held on Saturday September 15th, 1945, at 45, Gloucester Place, W.1, by kind permission of the Management Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. The revised draft of the Constitution was discussed fully, amended, the proposed *per capita* fee being raised to one shilling, and passed for consideration to the Grand Council.

After the Meeting a reception was held to enable guests from abroad and at home, to meet Miss Effie Taylor, the President of the International Council of Nurses, who was then in London accompanied by Miss Isabel Stewart from the U.S.A.

Owing to the impossibility of obtaining accommodation at any hotel or restaurant, the number of invitations had to be strictly limited, but in addition to the Members of the Executive Committee, those present included Mdlle. de Joannis (France), Mdlle. Odier, Mdlle. Hentsch, Mdlle. Wuest (Switzerland), Mdlle. Mechelynck (Belgium), Mrs. Bedford (India), Miss Venny Snellman (Finland), Miss Hartley, Miss Chandekar (India), Miss Reeves (Eire), Col. Riches, Matron-in-Chief of the Canadian Nursing Service, Col. Chow, Chief of the Chinese Nursing Service, Mrs. Wilkinson, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Dame Katherine Watt, Chief Nursing Officer to the Ministry of Health, Miss Goodall, Secretary to the Royal College of Nursing and Miss Armstrong. Letters of regret for unavoidable absence and containing warm greetings to the National Council were received from Miss Alexander (South Africa) and Miss Wilkinson (India).

Miss Effie Taylor, in a short speech, spoke of her pleasure in being once again on a visit to England, and her delight in meeting so many friends. Altogether a very enjoyable function, and many letters were subsequently received expressing appreciation from abroad and at home from those who had been present.

Representative Nurses from so many foreign countries being in London, made it possible to hold an informal Board Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, which was followed in the evening by a dinner given by Miss G. V. L. Hillyers at St. Thomas's Hospital, at which over fifty guests attended. The dinner was followed by an entertainment and both thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

A second Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on November 16, 1945, to consider the Amendments referred from the last meeting and to prepare for the Special Meeting of the Grand Council.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Council was held at the London Hospital, by the kind invitation of Sir John Mann, Bart., Chairman of the Hospital.

The revised draft of the Constitution of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was read, Clause by Clause and were all agreed with the exception of one, viz. :—the Clause relating to the amount to be paid under the *per capita* fee, which was referred back to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

The appointment of an Honorary Solicitor was discussed and Mr. Harold Sharpe of Messrs. Godden, Home and Co., was elected.

After the Meeting the Members were entertained to tea by Miss Alexander, the Matron of the London Hospital.

The next Meeting of the Executive Committee will

be held in February, and a Meeting of the Grand Council, late in March, to ratify the Constitution as revised and to approve the rules which are now in preparation.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has been unable up to the present time, to find a suitable office and clerical help to carry on the work which is increasing daily. We are still being accommodated as far as possible by the generosity of the Management Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, but it is hoped that we may soon obtain premises in which to carry on the work of the Council.

E. M. MUSSON,
President.

MARY S. COCHRANE,
Hon. Secretary.

We have pleasure in inserting the official Report of the organisation to date of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain took place on March 1, 1946, at 45, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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Resignation of Dame Joanna Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C.

It was with very real regret that the Committee of Management at its meeting, held on January 25th, accepted the resignation of Dame Joanna Cruickshank. She has served on the Committee since October, 1938, when she succeeded Mrs. Rome as Matron-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Society, and was of very great assistance to the Foundation during the difficult months in 1939. Her presence at the meetings will be much missed.

Dame Emily Blair, D.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Society has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Dame Joanna Cruickshank's resignation.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.

A meeting of the Committee of Management was held on January 25th. Reports of the Constitution Sub-Committee and the Education Sub-Committee were adopted. Important recommendations concerning changes in the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and in the Educational policy of the Foundation were discussed. A Sub-Committee to deal with Finance was appointed.

Miss Nightingale's Letters and Writings.

The Committee of Management has expressed the wish that there be available at the Headquarters of the Foundation in London references of all letters, writings and material associated with Miss Nightingale to include photostatic copies when possible.

As the greater part of this material is in Great Britain, and the United States, a request has been addressed to the National Committees of these countries asking for their collaboration. A similar request will be addressed to the National Committees of all countries where such material is known to exist. Friends of the Foundation are asked to collaborate in making these references available to the Foundation. They will ultimately be assembled in the Library at the Headquarters of the Foundation, for the use of students of all countries.

Chairman's Visit to Geneva and Bruxelles.

In response to an invitation from the League of Red Cross Societies, Mrs. Carter visited Geneva to attend a meeting of the Nursing Advisory Committee of the League,

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