

It was reported that Miss M. Marriott had been appointed deputy Treasurer.

Miss Bridges then placed her resignation as President before the Grand Council, after holding office for only 18 months, on being appointed Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses. She offered thanks for the help she had received during her term of office.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary.

Miss M. S. Cochrane then gave a short address in which she reported that she had despatched 833 letters since the last Meeting, and had addressed a group of nurses at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, in the hope that a League of Nurses would be formed.

The Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

Miss Monk reported that all dues had been paid with the exception of two Leagues of Nurses. £651 19s., had been paid to the International Council of Nurses as per capita dues. It was agreed that two offices be rented from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at a rental of £200 per annum.

To consider Answers received to Questionnaire on the National Council of Nurses and future policy arising therefrom.

The following is a summary of Replies to Questionnaires sent to all affiliated associations in the National Council of Nurses:

Summary of replies to Questionnaires.

Total Possible Number of Replies:— 52
of which:—15 are Associations.
37 are Leagues of Training Schools.

Replies received from:—
10 Associations.
21 Leagues.
Total: 31

No replies from:—5 Associations.
16 Leagues.
Total: 21

Desirous that the National Council shall continue as a Federation, with a revised form of Constitution:—
9 Associations.
17 Leagues.
Total: 26

Desirous that the Royal College of Nursing shall assume the functions of a National Association:—
1 Association.
4 Leagues.
Total: 5

Miss Helen Dey asked the names of the one Association and four Leagues who were desirous that the Royal College of Nursing should assume the functions of a National Association; to which the following reply was given:

- The Scottish Matrons' Association.
- The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Nurses' League.
- The Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.
- The Westminster Hospital Nurses' League.
- The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Question 1.

How do you consider the National Council of Nurses should be constituted so that it will be truly representative of the Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland?

Summary of replies to Question 1.

1. The National Council of Nurses should be composed only of "Policy forming" bodies.
2. Duplication of membership should be eliminated.



MISS KATHARINE F. ARMSTRONG, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N., University of London, elected President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3. Membership might be by Associations of Groups of Hospitals within a Region.
4. Individual membership should be permitted if so desired.
5. Leagues of 50 members should be eligible for membership.
6. The Royal College of Nursing should be able to affiliate by Branches.
7. Directors should be appointed Regionally.
8. Vice-Presidents and Directors should be elected by postal ballot.
9. Meetings of the Grand Council should alternate between London and the provinces.

Question 2.

Bearing in mind the objects for which the International Council of Nurses was established and the functions which it expects a National Association to perform, how do you consider that these can best be achieved in this country?

Summary of replies to Question 2.

1. The National Council should "co-ordinate" the activities of the I.C.N.
2. It should use more Publicity, by
 - (a) Appointment of Publicity Officer.
 - (b) News Leaflet
 - (c) Speakers
 - (d) Conferences
3. The Executive Committee should be representative of each branch of nursing.
4. A Sub-Committee should review I.C.N. affairs.
5. Conferences should be held in different areas of the country.
6. The National Council should undertake cultural and social activities only.

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