

7. Election of Delegates to the Grand Council should be regional.

8. There should be conferences of Delegates before meetings of the I.C.N. Grand Council.

Question 3.

How do you consider the National Council of Nurses could be adequately financed?

(a) To perform its functions in its own country?

(b) To maintain its subscriptions to the International Council of Nurses?

Summary of replies to Question 3.

1. There should be no duplication of dues.

2. Each Association should be assessed for an overall sum, to be revised every 5 years.

3. Individual membership should be allowed, each individual to pay £1 1s., in annual dues.

4. All Leagues affiliated before 1939 to make a special contribution.

5. Members to pay dues through their Leagues.

If they do not belong to a League, dues shall be paid by the largest organisation to which they belong.

6. Special grants towards finance might be requested from such bodies as the B.R.C.S., King Edward's Hospital Fund etc.

7. Each League should be asked to raise £100.

8. Per Capita due should be raised to 1/-

9. Per Capita due should be raised to 2/-

10. Per Capita fee should be decreased according to reduced ratio of delegates to Grand Council Meetings.

11. Every nurse on the Register who sends a retaining fee to the General Nursing Council, should send an additional fee to the National Council of Nurses.

This fee should be:— (a) 5d. (b) 1/- (c) 5/-.

The Royal College of Nursing, having failed to fill in and return the answers to the Questionnaire sent out to all affiliated associations in December last, despatched a letter on May 20th, endeavouring to postpone a final decision, supported at the Meeting by the Scottish Matrons' Association.

By an overwhelming majority it was voted that the National Council of Nurses shall continue as a Federation, with a revised form of Constitution.

It was agreed that a Constitution Sub-Committee be set up to consider the Constitution and bring it up to date.

The Appointment of Executive Secretary.

Miss Francis Agnes Rowe, S.R.N., S.C.M., was formally appointed the first Executive Secretary of the National Council of Nurses at a salary of £600 per annum.

Election of President.

As there were two nominations for the Presidency of the National Council of Nurses, votes were recorded and Miss K. F. Armstrong, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N., trained King's College Hospital, London, was elected.

Leagues of fifty Members eligible for Membership.

When considering the recommendation from the Executive Committee "that Leagues of fifty members be eligible for Membership," the Scottish Matrons' Association spoke against it, and the League of Sister Tutors strongly supported it. When put to the vote the delegates showed that it was considered the smaller leagues of nurses have much to contribute to the National Council, and that leagues of fifty members would be eligible for affiliation.

Votes of thanks were passed, and a delicious Tea was served by some charming "St. Thomas's" Sisters. Over the teacups we believe that many problems were successfully discussed.

AN APPRECIATION.

Warm thanks are due to the retiring President, Miss Daisy C. Bridges, R.R.C., S.R.N., for the very tactful manner in which she conducted the meeting, and to Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., for her valuable guidance of long experience.

Nurses also owe a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Helen Dey, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., President of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital League of Nurses, and to Miss Clare Alexander, S.R.N., D.N., President of the London Hospital League of Nurses, for their courageous stand in defence of the basic principles on which the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was founded.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON.

KING'S FUND SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL COURSE.

The King's Fund has recently been asked to award a scholarship for one of the courses for trained nurses arranged by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. These courses are available for various branches of nursing work—administration, teaching, public health or clinical work—and may be taken in various countries.

The Management Committee of the Fund, realising the great need to encourage trained nurses to remain in actual ward work, have decided to offer, under the aegis of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, a scholarship to the value of £350, for a year's course arranged by the Foundation, on the following conditions:

1.—The scholarship to be known as the King's Fund Scholarship and to be available to trained nurses on the staff of hospitals in the Fund's area, or offered posts in such hospitals on their return.

2.—The course to be in some form of hospital nursing and to prepare for work as ward or departmental Sister, preferably in some specified branch such as the care of the chronic sick, nursing in a chest surgery unit or plastic-surgery unit, or other approved specialty.

3.—The scholarship to be either for one of the recognised post-certificate courses available in Canada and elsewhere, or for observation and research in hospitals in any country where suitable experience is available. The scholarship covers tuition fees, board, lodging, and a small honorarium for incidental expenses, but does not include the cost of fares to and from the country where the course is taken. In a case of special difficulty the Fund would be willing to consider defraying the cost of fares also, but it is thought that a hospital seconding a nurse for the course might wish to undertake this.

4.—Candidates will be expected to give evidence of good general education (matriculation standard) and of several years' professional experience subsequent to State registration in general nursing.

5.—Preference will be given to candidates nominated by their hospitals with a view to their return to a responsible post in the kind of work chosen for the course.

6.—The successful candidate will be required to fill in certain forms demanded for scholars under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and also to furnish medical and dental certificates.

Applications for consideration by the Selection Committee (on which the Foundation and the National Committee will be represented) should be sent in not later than 14th June, 1948. Application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Nursing Recruitment Service (King Edward's Hospital Fund), 21, Cavendish Square, W.1, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

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