

of the Foundation is to maintain and develop a section of the Library of the I.C.N. to be dedicated to Florence Nightingale. Members were of the opinion, however, that too little is at present known of the extent of existing library facilities or of existing needs in regard to library services. They therefore did not feel competent to make recommendations at this juncture as to immediate desirable activities in this field of work. With the assistance of a trained Librarian, a joint report with recommendations will be prepared by the Director of the Foundation and the Executive Secretary of the I.C.N., to be presented at the next meeting of the Council for guidance as to future action.

6. Appointment of Sub-committees.

The Council, acting within its powers according to the terms of the Trust Deed, has set up an Executive Committee of three members (with a quorum of two), constituted as follows:—

CHAIRMAN: Mrs. R. Louise McManus, Chairman of the Council.

MEMBERS: Miss Yvonne Hentsch, Vice-Chairman of the Council; Miss Gerda Höjer, President of the I.C.N.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR FINANCE: The Honorary Treasurer of the I.C.N.; The Deputy Treasurer of the I.C.N.; the Executive Secretary of the I.C.N.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION: to be co-opted as required.

Special functions designated to this Executive Committee are as follows:—

- (a) To take the necessary steps to expedite the selection and to appoint a Director for the Foundation.
- (b) To assume responsibility as designated to it by the Council for the vesting of funds or other assets of the Foundation.
- (c) To prepare an annual budget and report for presentation to the Council for forwarding to the Board of Directors, and to administer the funds of the Foundation within the approved budget.
- (d) To select and appoint Fellows according to the agreed policy of the Council.
- (e) To make the necessary arrangements for the calling of the next Council meeting.
- (f) To deal with matters relating to the Foundation between regular meetings of the Council.

The Council considered that the Foundation is facing a future of unlimited possibilities, and that its reorganisation within the I.C.N. should bring unity and strength. Adequate funds are essential, however, both for meeting current needs, as well as for making possible the developments which are envisaged. The Council has gone on record, therefore, in approving at its closing session two resolutions which it desires earnestly to bring to the notice of all active members of the I.C.N., as well as to the Chairman of the I.C.N. Ways and Means Committee:—

- (1) That an appeal be made to the National Nurses' Associations and to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees for annual contributions towards the expenses of the Foundation, and
- (2) That the Ways and Means Committee of the I.C.N. be approached to find funds for the continued support of the work of the Foundation.

With a programme as outlined, which is both constructive and expanding, the Council is confident that such an appeal will not be made in vain.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING OF THE General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on April 28th, 1950.

It was agreed that congratulations be sent to Dr. Russell Brain, one time member of Council, upon his appointment as President of the Royal College of Physicians.

Two letters had been received from the Minister of Health which were considered *in camera*.

Finance

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £3,200 for Cash Account (weekly salaries and Inspectors' expenses) was allowed.

It was agreed that an estimate of £1,662 9s. 7d. be accepted for two hundred copies of the Supplement to the Register of Nurses for 1949; also estimates for stationery to the value of £393 2s. 4d. were agreed.

Registration

It was reported that a request had been received from the Nurses' Board of the Gold Coast, for recognition for admission to the General Part of the Register of Nurses in this country, of State Registered Nurses on the Gold Coast Register. A draft agreement was considered.

Education and Examination

It was reported that the Committee had considered the action which will need to be taken with regard to the nomination by the Council of persons to serve on each Area Nurse Training Committee. A statement in this connection was considered *in camera*.

Approval of Hospitals was agreed, and Pre-Nursing Courses approved.

Mental Nursing

Hospitals were approved as Training Schools for Nurses for Mental Diseases.

General Purposes

It was reported that Miss Evelyn Alice Rutter, S.R.N. 45246, had been appointed First Assistant Registrar.

The overhaul of one typewriter and the purchase of two new ones would incur an amount of £117 8s. 4d.

Disciplinary Case

The case of Mrs. Bessie Marie Morris (nee Hudson), S.R.N. 59096, District Nurse, was considered. She employed Counsel and Solicitors to present her case to the Council, and the General Nursing Council also employed Counsel. Much evidence was provided for and against Mrs. Morris who had figured in a divorce case.

The Council devoted much time to this case, and after retiring *in camera*, announced that because the facts had not been proved to the satisfaction of the Council, the complaint was accordingly dismissed.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council take place on Wednesday, May 24th, at 2.30 p.m.

A Thought for the Month

Now Nature hangs her mantle green
On every blooming tree,
And spreads her sheets o' daisies white
Out o'er the grassy lea.

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