

ARTICLE VIII.

The Officers and Councillors shall be elected at each annual meeting. They shall be nominated to the Association, on the second day of the annual meeting in the order of business of the first session of that day, by a Committee of three, appointed for that purpose by the President; and the election shall take place immediately. The election shall be made as the meeting may determine, and the person who shall have received the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office for which she has been nominated.

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors shall hold office for one year, or until the beginning of the term for which their successors are elected. The Secretary, Treasurer and one Auditor, are eligible for re-election. At the first election of Councillors, two members shall be elected for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and thereafter two members shall be elected each year, to hold office three years, or until their successors are elected. The President, Vice-President, one Auditor, and the two retiring Councillors are ineligible for re-election to their respective offices for one year immediately following their retirement. All the Officers and Councillors shall enter upon their duties upon the ending of the present Convention. When any vacancies occur in any of the offices of the Association, they shall be filled by the Council until the next annual meeting.

A quorum of the Council shall be formed by five members; and of the Association, by twenty active members.

ARTICLE IX.

The President shall prepare an address to be delivered at the opening session of the meeting. She shall preside at all the annual or special meetings of the Association or Council, or, in her absence at any time, the Vice-President shall act in her place.

The Secretary shall keep the records of the Association and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office, and such other duties as may be prescribed for her by the Council.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to the Association. She shall keep accurate accounts and vouchers of all her receipts and payments on behalf of the Association, and of all invested funds, with the income and disposition thereof, that may be placed in her keeping, and shall submit these accounts, with a financial report for the preceding year, to the Council at its annual meeting. Each annual statement shall be examined by the Auditors, who will prepare and present at each annual meeting of the Association a report showing its financial condition. The Council shall have charge of any funds in the possession of the Association, and which shall be invested under its direction and control. The Council shall keep a careful record of its proceedings, and make an annual report to the Association of matters of general interest. The Council shall also print annually the proceedings of the meetings of the Association and the reports of the Treasurer and Auditors. The Council is empowered to manage all the affairs of the Association, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws; to appoint committees from the membership of the Association, and spend money out of its surplus funds for matters pertaining to the objects of the Association; to apply the income

of special funds, at its discretion, to the purpose for which they were intended.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws shall be taken up for consideration at the first session of the second day of any annual meeting, and may be made by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment be given in writing at the annual meeting next preceding. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send to all the members a copy of any proposed amendment at least two months previous to the meeting when the action is to be taken.

B Y - L A W S .

ARTICLE I.

The meetings of the Association shall be held annually. The time and place of each meeting shall be named by the Council, and reported to the Association for its action at the preceding meeting. Each annual meeting shall be called by a printed announcement sent to each member, at least one month previous to the meeting. The Council shall hold an annual meeting concurrent with the annual meeting of the Association; and the Council shall hold as many sessions, and at such times, as the business of the Association may require.

Special meetings of the Council may be called by the order of the Council. The President shall have authority at any time, at her own discretion, to instruct the Secretary to call a special meeting of the Council; and she shall be required to do so upon a request signed by six members of the Council. Such Special meetings shall be called by giving at least four weeks' written notice.

ARTICLE II.

The initiation fee shall be five dollars for Active members and three dollars for Associate members; which shall include annual dues for the first year.

Each and every Active and Associate member shall pay an annual tax to the Treasurer, the amount to be fixed annually by the Council, not to exceed three dollars for an Active member, or one dollar for an Associate member. Dues to be paid annually at annual meetings.

ARTICLE III.

The order of business of each annual meeting of the Association shall be determined by the Council and shall be printed for the use of the Association at its meeting. The Council shall also make all arrangements for the meetings of the Association, appointing such auxiliary committees from its own body, or from other members of the Association, and making such other provisions as shall be requisite, at its discretion.

We hope, in a future issue, to compare the constitutions of the British and American Associations of Hospital Matrons, which have both, doubtless, been formed, after due consideration, upon lines best suited to the needs of the existing organisations in countries whose institutions are formed on a very similar basis. We in the old country have to dig deep to uproot existing prejudice before we can lay our foundation stone; across the Atlantic, all that seems to be needed is to upturn a spadeful of virgin soil, and behold a palatial result.

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