

the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwick Government Hospitals, and St. Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, in Ireland. In Sweden, to the Sophiahemmet Nurses of Stockholm. In Denmark, to the Commune Hospital of Copenhagen, and to the Danish Council of Nurses. In Holland, to the Wilhelmina Hospital, the Dutch Matron's Council, the Dutch Nursing Association, and the Dutch Association for Furthering the Interests of Male and Female Nurses. In Germany, to the Victoria House in Berlin, and to the Hamburg Nursing Association, to the Evangelischen Diakonie Verein; the Deaconess Establishment at Kaiserswerth, and to the Central Committee of the Red Cross. In Italy, to the Blue Cross Nurses' Association, Naples. In Australia, the Australasian Nurses' Association and the Prince Alfred Hospital Trained Nurses' Re-union. In Africa, to St. Michael's Home, Kimberley. Letters of invitation have also been sent individually to the Superintendents of Nursing or Matrons of the large Hospitals, Members of the International Council, and the Superintendents' Society. As yet none have been sent to Japan and the East or to South America. The various nursing journals also have had letters; however, the press in general is still to be written to.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After the reports came the election of officers, and it was moved and voted that the active officers elected, with the present committee, should compose the Executive Committee of the Congress of Nurses. They are as follows:—

President and Chairman of Congress: Miss Isabel McIsaac, of the Illinois Training School, Chicago.

1st Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Robb and Miss Keating.

2nd Vice-Presidents: Miss Damer and Miss Snively.

Secretary: Miss Maud Banfield.

Treasurer: —

It was decided that Miss Florence Nightingale should be asked to accept an honorary title and that representative nurses of the different countries should be placed on the list of honorary officers. These will be announced by name and title as they send their replies.

DATE OF THE CONGRESS.

The time of Congress, by request of the Buffalo Nurses' Association, was fixed for the 16th of September, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday being agreed upon for business meetings, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the Congress programme. The Associated Alumnae will hold a short business meeting on Monday morning, the Superintendents' Society at noon, and the International Council

of Nurses in the afternoon of Monday the 16th, unless some change is announced.

THE COMMITTEES.

Committees were formed as follows:—Finance, Reception, Programme, Publication (a standing committee), Local Arrangements (Buffalo Nurses' Club). Under "Finance" it was decided that a nominal entrance fee to the Congress meetings should be charged to all except the foreign delegates, and that these should be entertained during the time; under "Reception" it was planned that each large city should organize a local reception committee; under "Programme" the subjects to be treated were blocked out, leaving the details to the Committee, as follows:—

THE PROGRAMME.

- 1.—Hospital Administration.
 - A.—Women as heads of Hospitals.
 - B.—How Hospitals are administered in this and other Countries.
 - C.—The Executive and Training School side of Hospitals.
- 2.—Education of Nurses.
 - A.—Preparatory Training.
 - B.—The Training School.
 - C.—Post-Graduate Courses.
 - D.—Teachers' College Course.
- 3.—District Nursing.
- 4.—Army, Navy and Red Cross Work.
- 5.—The Relation of the Modern Nurse to Modern Medicine.
- 6.—Private Nursing.
- 7.—Hourly Nursing.
- 8.—Nurses' Settlement Work.
- 9.—Ethics.
- 10.—Legal Registration.

Miss Maud Banfield, Superintendent of the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, has been selected as the Permanent Secretary of the Congress Committee, with the aid of Miss L. L. Dock. Miss Banfield was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, from 1890—93, and also holds the Diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. She was appointed Superintendent of Nursing of St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia, in 1894, and Superintendent of the Polyclinic Hospital and Nursing School in 1896, which position she now holds. Miss Banfield is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, of the American Society of Superintendents, is a Lecturer in Hospital Economics (Administration) at Teachers' College, University of New York, and is also a Councillor of the International Council of Nurses. All will agree that no trained nurse holds better qualifications for the important position of Secretary to the forthcoming Congress. Britishers and Americans alike feel they have a claim to her services and a pride in her work.

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