

Miss Dock here suggested that there were delegates of alumnae associations in the room who would like to say something. She added, "Don't take a three thousand miles trip across the Atlantic to get to this meeting and then sit silent."

Miss Ehrlicher, New York, Miss Fulmer, Chicago, and the Delegates of the Jersey City Association and of the Buffalo General Alumnae Association having spoken in warm support of international affiliation,

Miss Isla Stewart said that, having worked hard in the cause of nursing organisation for seventeen years, it was with great pleasure that she recently took the chair at the meeting of Associated Leagues to which Mrs. Fenwick had referred. She had to report that they were not only ready to enter into international relations, but eager and enthusiastic in regard to the question.

Miss Rogers (Leicester) said she was not at the meeting, but the Leicester League was eager to come in.

Miss Pell-Smith (Leicester) thought there were no two sides to the question. The nurses of the world must cease to be isolated, and become international. The lesson of the week had been the great help and encouragement afforded by international co-operation. She trusted the outcome of the present meeting would be strong international union.

Miss Burr (St. John's House) said she was heart and soul in support of the proposition. She hoped the International Council of Nurses would eventually embrace every nation in the world.

Miss Huxley (Dublin) said that she could not speak officially for the Irish Nurses' Association. She was unable to say it would join, but she felt sure it would consider the question of international affiliation with interest.

Fraulein Karll (Germany) said that the Committee of the German Nurses' Association had authorised her to say it was ready to join the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Kruyse (Holland) said that country had at present no real central organisation.

Mme. Salvador (Paris) said that a commencement was now being made to found a proper nursing school in Paris. The training was for two years, and then the pupils signed on for another three years to work in connection with the school. At present there was no association of French nurses.

It was then proposed by Miss Isla Stewart, seconded by Miss Dock, and carried unanimously :—

"That invitations be officially sent to the Federation of American Nurses, the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of England, and the German Nurses' Association, inviting them to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses."

#### THE ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL ORGANS.

The President said that it was necessary the Council should have an official organ in each

country where a National Council was formed, in order that international news might be communicated to the members with the least waste of energy. She proposed that the Council should adopt an official organ in each of the countries which expressed its willingness to enter into international relations.

There were two journals which stood, and had always stood, for co-operation amongst nurses—the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, a weekly journal which had been edited by nurses for the last eleven years, and the *American Journal of Nursing*, a monthly journal, also edited by nurses.

The German nurses had as yet no journal of their own. She suggested, therefore, that official information should be sent to Fraulein Karll, to place where she thought well, until the German Nurses' Association had its own organ.

It was proposed by Miss Burr, and seconded by Miss Cutler, that the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING be adopted as the official organ of the International Council of Nurses in Great Britain.

It was proposed by Miss Sanborn, and seconded by Miss Ehrlicher, that the *American Journal of Nursing* should be the official organ in the United States of America.

Fraulein Karll explained the position to the German nurses present.

It was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously "That the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and the *American Journal of Nursing* be adopted as the official organs of the International Council of Nurses, and that all official information be sent by the Secretary to Fraulein Karll."

#### THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The President then announced that the Scrutineers reported the election of the following Hon. Officers for the next Quinquennial Period :—

*President*.—Miss S. B. McGahey, Australasia.

*Hon. Secretary*.—Miss L. L. Dock, United States of America.

*Hon. Treasurer*.—Miss Margaret Breay, Great Britain and Ireland.

She said that the Council was much to be congratulated on the officers returned.

Miss McGahey, until recently the Matron of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, did not now hold an official position. There was sometimes a feeling that when a woman relinquished her official position she was no longer a nurse. But when we looked back over the work Miss McGahey had done for nursing in Australasia we should see that it was continuous and progressive for the benefit of nurses and the profession. Much would depend on her in the International Council, and we must ask her to use the best of her energies to bring the Australasian nurses into International sympathy and relations with other nations.

Miss Dock was well known to those present. She was so cosmopolitan that we felt she belonged

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