

tion for the conduct of the Sessions by the President, Miss Florence Emory, and the businesslike methods of the Speakers, and those who discussed the subjects in hand from the floor of the house, who spoke clearly and concisely.

The gifts she took from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, a bust in bronze of Queen Victoria, and a brick from Miss Nightingale's residence gave unqualified pleasure.

The social side of the Conference, especially the wonderful Banquet, and the extraordinarily beautiful Pageant of Nursing in Canada, would, Miss Cochrane said, remain an abiding memory.

THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.

The draft Annual Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting was considered, and it was agreed that with the inclusion of the report on the Inauguration of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, it should be adopted.

RESOLUTION.

It was agreed to recommend to the Annual Meeting for submission to the Board of Directors of the I.C.N., that the following Resolution be considered:

RECOMMENDATION.

"That no Report be issued in the name of the International Council of Nurses without submission to the Board of Directors, and further, that no Questionnaire be sent out without the consent of the President."

The Meeting then terminated.

THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION OF MENTAL NURSES.

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, appointed to consider the application for affiliation from The League of Mental Hospital Nurses, and to make such recommendations as appeared advisable, was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Friday, November 2nd, at 4 p.m.

There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair, Miss E. M. Musson, Vice-President, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, Miss R. E. Darbyshire and Miss E. L. Macaulay. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Miss S. A. Villiers were unable to attend.

The President read a letter from Miss Richardson, Hon. Secretary of the League of Mental Nurses, the application of which was before the Executive Committee in April last, and was not accepted, as its Constitution was not in conformity with that of the National Council. Miss Richardson enclosed a copy of a proposed redrafted Constitution, and enquired whether this would meet the approval of the Executive Committee.

Recommendations in conformity with the expressed opinion of the Executive Committee were discussed and unanimously agreed, the Sub-Committee emphasising the undesirability of certain provisions in the proposed Constitution.

After due consideration of the business before it, the President announced that Miss Richardson, the Hon. Secretary of the League of Mental Hospital Nurses, was in the house and would much like to meet the Sub-Committee and discuss with it the problems incorporated in their proposed Constitution. Miss Richardson was then invited into the room—when an interesting discussion took place. The President acquainted her with the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and Miss Richardson agreed to place these before the Committee of the League of Mental Nurses before the Executive of the N.C.N. met again.

There was a unanimous expression of opinion that the organisation of Mental Nurses, both for the benefit of the patients and of the nurses, on professional lines was of imperative importance.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

Our colleagues will be most gratified to learn that Miss M. Drakard has consented to act as President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

In Miss Drakard's charming personality, her long distinguished career in the advancement of Fever Nursing, coupled with her sterling support of the educational progress of the Nursing Profession, we feel the Association is to be congratulated on their President and representative on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

A Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at Southgate Isolation Hospital, Palmer's Green (by the kind permission of the Hospital Committee), on Saturday, October 20th, 1934, at 3 p.m.

The Members were received by the Matron, Miss Beatrice M. West (Hon. Secretary of the Association).

In the absence of the President (Miss M. Drakard), owing to illness, Miss Ruddy was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Under "Business Arising," the subject concerning the apparent tendency of Public Bodies to deprive Hospital Matrons of the duty of engaging the trained female staff was discussed, and a member present volunteered to report some detail on the subject at the next Meeting.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with. A letter from Miss Drakard, expressing her inability to be present and stating that, owing to ill-health, she much feared she could not continue to act as President. It was unanimously agreed to ask her to continue.

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Miss N. Wilcox, Matron, Deans Hospital, Goddard's Green, Hassocks, on her presence of mind in successfully controlling an outbreak of fire before the arrival of the fire brigade.

Applications for membership were received and all applicants were appointed.

A warm vote of thanks was awarded to Miss West for the trouble she had taken in organising this very successful meeting. Then came a tour of the Hospital, when the Cubicle Block for the very up-to-date treatment of Puerperal Fever, Erysipelas, etc., excited keen interest with its equipment of Ultra Violet and Infra Red Rays for the treatment of complicated fever cases.

Tea was served in the Nurses' beautiful sitting-room where the Mayor of Southgate, Alderman and Mrs. Barber, with Dr. G. G. Macdonald, of Harley Street (visiting Surgeon), and Mrs. Vandy (Councillor), welcomed the members of the Association.

In a short address, the Mayor said that in his many years of experience he had never seen so many young Matrons together before, and had he known that there would be such a large gathering he would have offered accommodation in the Town Hall, and congratulated the Association on the wisdom of associating together.

In supporting the Mayor's Welcome, Dr. G. G. Macdonald, endorsed the view of the necessity of meeting together in association, and said that if the Nursing Profession had a united front it could achieve much and would be as strong as the Medical Profession.

Miss Ruddy, on behalf of the Meeting at which Matrons from all parts of the country were present, warmly thanked the Mayor and Members of the Committee for the privilege of meeting at the Southgate Isolation Hospital and looked

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