

CONVENERS OF SECTIONAL AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

Miss Maynard, *Education*.
 Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, *Professions*.
 Mrs. J. R. Macdonald, *Legislative and Industrial*.
 Miss Lidgett, *Political Work*.
 Mrs. Benson, *Social Work*.
 Mrs. Alfred Booth, *Finance*.
 Lady Roberts-Austen, *Hospitality*.
 Miss Margaret Bateson, *Press*.
 Mrs. Broadley Reid, *Literature*.
 Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson, *Reception*.

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Booth, *Convener*.
 Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, *Hon. Treasurer*.
 Miss M. Breay, *Hon. Secretary*.
 Mrs. George Cadbury.
 Mrs. Charles McLaren.
 Lady Montagu.
 Lady Roberts-Austen.
 Dow. Lady Westbury.

AUDITOR.

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THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

ONE of the first questions with which the Sub-Committee of Arrangements—deputed by the International Executive to carry out the details of the organization of the International Congress of Women—had to deal, was that of Finance. The Quinquennial Fees paid by the National Councils are required for the routine business of the International Council.

The Sub-Committee in October, 1898, appointed a Finance Committee, on which the following ladies consented to serve:—Mrs. Alfred Booth, Convener; Dowager Lady Westbury, Lady Montagu, Lady Roberts-Austen, Mrs. George Cadbury, Mrs. Charles McLaren, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who was subsequently elected Hon. Treasurer of the International Congress Fund, and Miss Margaret Breay as Hon. Secretary.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FUND.

It was decided to raise a special Fund to defray the expenses of the Congress, it being expected that 2,000 persons might attend the Congress, and the expenses on this basis were estimated by the Treasurer at about £1,000.

As time went on, however, it was found that the original estimates had not been sufficiently sanguine; for the great interest which was exhibited in the Congress, both at home and abroad, made it evident that much larger numbers than had been expected would be present at the meetings. So arrangements were made for the attendance of at least 3,000 persons. In every direction, therefore, an increased expenditure became necessary. Finally, however, upwards of 5,000 persons attended the Congress, 1,715 tickets having been sold at 7s. 6d.; 716 at 5s.; and 2,176 at 1s. Besides these, Complimentary and Platform Tickets were given to all members of Sub-Committees, to the Lady Stewards, and to eminent experts in various branches of work, whose attendance was of great value to the Congress.

And it was also found that a much larger number of shilling tickets could have been disposed of, because the Meetings were almost invariably so crowded, that it was necessary to limit the admittance of the public, for the safety and comfort of the Members of Congress.

DONATIONS.

One hundred and ninety-two Donations were received, making a total of £670 8s. 6d. The total sum of £200 was guaranteed by thirty-one ladies. Two hundred and eight persons, in all, thus gave, or were prepared to give, their valuable financial support to the Congress, and by their generosity made it possible to organize and carry through the Congress to its most successful termination.

OFFICE EXPENSES.

The International Congress Fund shared the office of the International Council of Women, from 1st December, 1898, to the 22nd July, 1899, during which time the office expenditure, including clerical work, amounted to £255 15s. 7d.—a fact which seems to deserve notice and commendation. But this result was only attained because the work of all the Sub-Committees and Honorary Secretaries was performed gratuitously, and often at considerable personal expense to those ladies, to whom the Congress was deeply indebted.

The Hire of Halls to seat upwards of 3,000 persons was naturally a large item of expenditure.

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