

At WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL, the Headquarters of the Congress, three public Halls provided seats for 1,000. Here also were arranged Rest, Writing, and Cloak Rooms; the International Office; an Enquiry Office; and Press, Post, and Book Rooms.

At ST. MARTIN'S TOWN HALL, Two Halls seated 900. There were also provided Rest, Press, and Book Rooms.

At THE CHURCH HOUSE, the Large Hall provided seats for 1,300. A combined Book and Press Room was arranged, in addition to these, for the ordinary Meetings.

The large Queen's Hall was hired for the Special Arbitration Meeting, and the Passmore Edwards' Hall for the Girls' Meeting.

PRINTING.

The large sum of £643 7s. 8d. spent on printing must be divided into the preliminary expenses of organising the Congress, which cost £343 7s. 8d., and the cost of printing and publishing the papers and transactions of the Congress—the Sub-Committee of Arrangements having voted and set aside an inclusive grant of £300 for the latter purpose.

As to the sum of £343 7s. 8d., it must be realised that the international nature of the Congress necessarily increased expenditure under this heading, to a very large extent. Many thousands of items of printed matter were sent all over the world, notifying to the National Councils of Women affiliated to the International Council the details and scope of the Congress, and also to the women of numerous other countries where Councils do not yet exist.

The fact that the following nations and colonies were officially represented at the Congress, proves the wide distribution of the official literature of the Congress:—GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WEST AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA NEW ZEALAND, CAPE COLONY, INDIA, GERMANY, FRANCE, RUSSIA, AUSTRIA, ITALY, SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, FINLAND, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, CHINA, PERSIA, PALESTINE, and the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

This item also includes the expense of issuing the comprehensive Handbook of the Congress, the Pamphlet of Places of Interest to Visitors, and the present Financial Report.

POSTAGE.

Again, the International nature of the Congress necessitated a large expenditure in postage, telegrams, and cables.

ADVERTISING.

Advertising was chiefly effected by direct methods, such as the distribution of large numbers of Pamphlets and Programmes, etc., through the Women's Societies, so that the sum of £73 18s. 0d. represents the amount spent in advertising the Date and Arrangements of the Congress in the English and Foreign Press.

SUB-COMMITTEES' EXPENSES.

The Five Sectional Committees, and Four Sub-Committees, were each staffed by an Hon. Convener and Hon. Secretary, and to these Committees was deputed the detailed organisation of the various departments of the Congress. When it is remembered that the onerous duties of these Committees extended over more than six months, the modest sums charged to the Congress, for summoning Meetings, Correspondence, providing books, etc., prove that most of the large expense necessarily incurred was defrayed by members of these Committees. Indeed, it should here be pointed out that the honorary work done, and the personal expenditure paid, by the Conveners, Hon. Secretaries, and members of these Sub-Committees, must be taken into consideration in estimating the actual cost of the Congress, and cannot be assessed at less than £200.

HOSPITALITY.

It must also be understood that owing to the energy of those ladies who composed the Hospitality Committee, not only was a large sum of money contributed towards the Fund, but the most generous hospitality was offered to all the foreign guests who cared to avail themselves of it, while the splendid Entertainments given during the Congress Week, were all arranged irrespective of the Congress Fund.

Compared with the large numbers attending the Congress, the many meetings held, and the amount of work accomplished, the facts which have been mentioned appear to be noteworthy, not only in order to explain the comparatively small expenditure shown in the audited accounts, but also as a matter of justice to those ladies who have given such invaluable aid in making the Congress so successful.

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