

The Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

A meeting of the above Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Thursday, March 28th. Miss Isla Stewart, Hon. Vice-President for England, presided.

An interesting report was presented by the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. C. Barton, in which she stated that the Conference and Exhibition organised in London by the Committee last November was a great success, the attendance having been large and representative, and the financial arrangements leaving a small balance in hand. Miss Isla Stewart pointed out that the discussions, in which several eminent medical men took part, were productive of good understanding between doctors and nurses.

The report was adopted.

The Provisional Regulations were considered and confirmed, and it was agreed that they should be printed.

AFFILIATION OF NURSES' LEAGUES.

Application for affiliation from the following Leagues were considered and accepted, and the delegates nominated were elected.

The Nurses' League of the General Hospital, Birmingham.—Nominated delegates: Miss M. Jones, Matron, General Hospital, Birmingham; Miss H. Hannath, Matron, General Hospital, Wolverhampton; Miss Lloyd, Charing Cross Hospital; Miss McFarlane, General Hospital, Birmingham; Miss Carless, and Miss Farmer.

The Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League.—The names of suggested delegates will be received later.

The Steevens' Hospital Nurses' League, Dublin.—Miss B. Kelly, Matron, Steevens' Hospital; Miss J. Mayne, Matron, Limerick County Hospital; Miss Doorley, Fever Hospital, Loughlinstown, co. Dublin; Miss Phillips, Steevens' Hospital, Dublin; Miss McCoy, Lady Dudley's Nurse, Carna, co. Galway; Miss Hardy, Q.V.J.I., Enniskillen, co. Fermanagh.

LETTER FROM THE HON. SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The following letter from Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, was next read and considered.

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Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee,
You will all have seen, in our official organ, the **BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING**, the notices which

have appeared from time to time relative to the coming interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses in Paris, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of next June. The officers of the Council all join in extending to the individual members of the affiliating bodies of nurses the most cordial invitation and warm welcome to the Conference, and we shall be most grateful if your Committee will communicate this letter to the Hon. Secretaries of the affiliating Societies, asking them to publish it in their official organs, and to interest the members of such Societies in the Conference. As it is an interim meeting, not designed for regular business, nor competent to take official action on points reserved by our Constitution for the quinquennial meetings, it will, perhaps, be even more interesting to the members in general, as its main purpose will be the promotion of international acquaintanceship and friendliness, with informal and free discussion of all those lines of nursing work and endeavour which are of special interest to us all. As Paris is central, it seems probable that we shall have a truly international gathering there, and the prospects of a truly stimulating exchange of experience and progress in nursing work are such that no one can fail to be impressed with the truth that our problems, difficulties, endeavours, and aims are the same in all countries.

Beside the regular members of our affiliating bodies, we are hoping to see at our meetings many, who, while not yet in any international or even national association, are in sympathy with our movement toward organisation, and are likewise taking part in educational and economic reform movements.

We believe that this Conference is going to be a rare opportunity for nurses to come into touch with leaders of nursing progress in a number of countries, and we hope to see a large group of the British members, who are now engaged in such an important and significant campaign for education and legal status. Again assuring you of the cordial welcome you will meet with from all the International officers and members,

I remain, Faithfully yours,

L. L. Dock,

Hon. Secretary.

It was agreed to thank Miss Dock for her letter, and to communicate with the Hon. Secretaries of Leagues and Societies affiliated to the Council, asking them by means of their League journals or otherwise to communicate the contents of the letter to their members.

APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

A small sub-committee, consisting of the Hon. Officers, Miss Rogers, and Miss Barton, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Stewart, Miss H. L. Pearse, and Miss Breay, was appointed to deal with various arrangements under consideration.

The meeting then terminated.

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