

Superintendent, L.C.C. Nurses; Miss Tomlinson, Superintendent, Eton Sanatorium.

Mental Nursing.—Chair, Miss Meikle, Royal Bethlem Hosp., unable to accept, but will act on Committee; and Miss MacMaster, Kent County Asylum.

Obstetric Nursing.—Chair, Miss Ramsden, Rotunda Hosp., Dublin; Miss Breay; Miss Beedie, Maternity Hosp., Aberdeen.

Prison Nursing.—Chair, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Hospitality.—Chair, Mrs. Walter Spencer.

Library.—Chair, Mrs. Stabb.

LETTER FROM MISS L. L. DOCK.

A letter had been received from Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, accepting with much pleasure the cordial invitation to meet in London next July, and stating that it had given general satisfaction to the Councillors; the National Councils of Nurses of Denmark, Holland, Finland, and the Dominion of Canada had applied for affiliation with the International Council, and would be admitted at the quinquennial meeting in London next year.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONGRESS.

A deposit had been paid in order to retain the suite of halls and rooms at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W., for the meetings from July 20th to 23rd, 1909.

AFFILIATION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A letter had been received from Miss Green, Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers, notifying the acceptance of the application of the National Council of Nurses, to affiliate with the Union.

Before the Report was adopted, the President said that the Standing Committees were intended to hold a brief for the Council in important special branches of nursing, and help it by expert advice. One duty would be to compile annually, for presentation to the Council, a brief résumé of progress on important matters in connection with each speciality—for instance, we might look to Miss Browne for valuable information on Navy and Army Nursing, the latter of which was at present making new and valuable experiments in the Regular and Territorial Nursing Reserves. From Miss Pearse, the record of the advance and organisation of School Nursing would be most valuable, and it was hoped that such reports might be published year by year, and present an accurate history of nursing.

The Report was adopted.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NURSING CONGRESS.

The Council approved of the Caxton Hall as the place of meeting for the Congress, and it

was agreed to raise a Guarantee Fund. £53 was at once promised towards it in the room.

It was agreed that Congress Tickets admitting to all meetings should cost 3s., and single entries 1s.

It was agreed that a Nursing Exhibition, largely of nurses' practical handiwork, should be held, in conjunction with the Congress, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the details.

Miss Dock had written mentioning some questions which might be brought forward, and it was approved that each Council which formed the International should suggest questions of interest, and representatives of each country should be invited to preside at a Session, and also present a paper. Mrs. Hampton Robb, United States, it was hoped, would present a Paper, suggested by herself at Paris, on an "International Standard of Education for Nurses." Both Miss Dock and Miss Albinia Brodrick proposed that the vitally important question of Moral Prophylaxis should be given prominence, and the Council agreed that a whole Session to which women only would be admitted should be devoted to this matter. The suggestion that only two papers should be presented at any one Session, and that ample time should be allowed for a thorough discussion, was also adopted.

It was suggested that a Paper on "The Relations of Medicine and Nursing" might embrace many points of interest, and the general opinion was that new ground should be opened up, and that the social side of the Conference was of the utmost importance.

Miss Isla Stewart offered to entertain the accredited delegates and other guests at a reception on the evening of Monday, July 19th, when the pleasing ceremony of receiving the new National Councils into the International Union will form part of what promises to be a delightful gathering. Miss C. Forrest, of Bournemouth, has also offered to entertain the delegates at a function to be decided later. These kind offers of hospitality were accepted, and everyone voted solid to have a Banquet on the evening of 21st or 22nd July.

It was decided to begin active preparations for the Congress after New Year.

The Meeting then terminated.

BEATRICE CUTLER,
Hon. Secretary.

At the Annual General Meeting of the North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital, it was resolved to change the office of Superintendent of Nurses to that of Matron, and the rules were altered to that effect.

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