

THE CONGRESS.

The programme of the International gathering provided:—

August 4th.—Banquet to Delegates, given by the Municipality of Cologne.

August 5th.—Morning Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in the Gürzenich. Affiliation of National Associations of Nurses; precedent of London Meeting to be followed.

Afternoon.—Opening of Nursing Congress.

Subjects for Discussion.

August 5th.—Nursing Education, Organization, State Registration.

August 6th.—Morning: Nursing Economics, Overwork of Nurses. Afternoon: The Place and the Duties of the Matron as Principal of the Nursing School.

August 7th.—Morning and afternoon: Social Service, Preventive Nursing in all its Branches.

August 7th.—Evening: Nursing Pageant in the Gürzenich.

The National Council was invited to take part in all Sessions and Social Functions.

Questions to be considered were, therefore, the appointment of Delegates, the appointment of Speakers, the participation in the Pageant, and work for the Exhibition.

The President then reported the action of the Nurses' Protection Committee in connection with the National Insurance Bill, and the proposal to form a Trained Nurses' Approved Society if a sufficient demand for it was evinced by trained nurses. She also reported that the Isla Stewart Memorial Oration has been issued in pamphlet form, and suggested that as it was to be sold, after expenses were paid, for the benefit of the Council's Memorial, the affiliated Societies should bring it to the notice of members.

The Report was adopted.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

The President reported that, as Founder and Foundation Members, the following ladies were *ex officio* members with voting power in the International Council for life:—Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Mollett, Miss Cureton, Miss G. Knight, Miss Huxley, and Miss Bradshaw, so that others should be chosen as the official Delegates. The Irish Nurses' Association had nominated Mrs. Kildare Treacy. The names of Miss Cutler (Hon. Sec.), Miss Forrest (Hon. Treasurer), and Miss Rogers (President of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League) were unanimously approved. It was agreed to invite the Hon. Albinia Brodrick to act should either of the four ladies elected be unable to attend.

DIRECTIONS HOW TO VOTE.

The Council agreed unanimously that their Delegates should vote for State Registration of Trained Nurses; and also for the Enfranchisement of Women.

SELECTED SPEAKERS.

The Report of Preliminary Education to be made to the International Council would be presented by Miss Lanschot-Hubrecht, of Holland, and all information would be sent to her as to the position of the question in the United Kingdom.

Mrs. Fenwick consented to present the Paper on Nursing Organization, and it was agreed to invite Miss Marquardt to prepare that on "Nursing Economics and Overwork of Nurses"; to ask Miss Mollett to write that on "The Position of the Matron in the Training School"; and Miss Beatrice Kent to take charge of the Paper on Social Service, for which she had been collecting exhaustive material for some time. Both Miss Mollett and Miss Kent would be able to read their Papers in German, and the others would be translated for the use of the Congress.

THE NURSING PAGEANT.

It was agreed to lend such costumes as were available to the German Nurses' Association if required for the Pageant, and that help should be given with as many characters as possible. Phoebe of Cenchrea, Queen Philippa of Hainault, Marcella, St. Hilda of Whitby, a Choir Sister of the Augustinian Order, Sairey Gamp and Betsey Prig, Truth, and two Attributes, if required, had already consented to be present, and others could volunteer.

EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition was left for further consideration.

COST OF JOURNEY, ETC.

The cost to members of a party of 20 for return ticket to Cologne would be £2 5s. Miss Mollett had kindly arranged to chaperone a Party of 50; cost, £7 for the week. Those wishing to make their own arrangements could do so from headquarters in Berlin.

It was agreed to have vouchers, which could be sent through Miss Cutler to Sister Karll, so that she would have full information concerning the English Delegates and Fraternal Delegates, and others who wished to attend the Congress, so that their tickets, badges, etc., would be prepared for them without further trouble.

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