

Miss Musson, President of the Conference, and the Hon. Officers of the National Council. The social functions will be announced with the programme at a later date. It was hoped that all members, duty permitting, would keep the dates from the 10th to 12th June free to attend the first Nursing Conference and Exhibition held in the Midlands, and that Scottish and Irish delegates would attend.

Miss Waind most kindly offered a prize of one pound, for the best nursing make-shift.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING, 1915.

The President reported briefly on the arrangements in connection with the Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Congress at San Francisco in June, 1915. Arrangements were well forward, and locally in the hands of the Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. Helen P. Criswell. The Headquarters of the Congress would be located in the "Inside Inn" in the World's Fair Grounds, and 500 bedrooms had been secured for delegates. It was agreed to secure 25 rooms for those connected with the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland, as so many names had already been given in. The four principal questions to be discussed were: (1) State Registration and Allied Subjects; (2) Training School questions; (3) there was to be an Education Day and (4) a Public Health Nursing Day, a Public Banquet, Sight-seeing Visits, and much hospitality. A special train would carry the delegates and visitors from New York to and from San Francisco, visiting the chief places of interest on the way.

The most imposing event in connection with the Triennial Meeting would be the Outdoor Meeting in the Berkeley Greek Theatre, and Procession of Nurses offering their gifts to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Chair of Nursing and Health. Miss Nutting and Miss Goodrich, with ardent enthusiasm and devotion to Miss Nightingale, headed a strong Committee in the United States to canvass the country. The President reported the steps taken by her in connection with the movement in England, and Miss Dock's Leaflet and covering letter would be issued at an early date suggesting that One Day's Pay should be subscribed to the Memorial by every nurse in the United Kingdom. The suggestion for a Chair of Nursing had been approved by several eminent educationalists in this country, but a substantial sum of money was required to endow it. The endowment of Scholarships would follow. It was hoped the money collected in memory of the late Miss Isla Stewart might in time endow a Scholarship in connection with the Chair of

Nursing for the benefit of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

AN ADDITION TO THE CONSTITUTION.

An addition to the Constitution of the Council was adopted as follows: Objects: 4. "To increase the usefulness of the Trained Nurse as a social factor."

Under "other business" an emergency Resolution was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION.

"The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland observes, with the deepest regret and indignation, that under the General Powers Bill of the London County Council introduced into Parliament this Session, it is proposed to amend the Bill, in which, as introduced, the control and inspection of Nursing and Massage Homes is vested in the Council, and to transfer the powers of administration to the Borough Councils as an extension of their powers under the Disorderly Houses Act.

"The National Council of Trained Nurses most earnestly petitions the London County Council not to cast so grave a slur upon a section of the nursing profession which is rendering indispensable service to the public, and is of opinion that such action would be most disastrous in the interests of the community."

It was agreed that steps should be taken to arouse the Matrons of Private Nursing Homes to the resulting depreciation of the status of such institutions, if in any way controlled by Metropolitan Borough Councils under the Disorderly Houses Act. The action of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the London County Council, in attempting to placate the opposition of such Councils, to its Bill to Register Private Nursing Homes, by suggesting that such responsibility should be shifted from the central authority of the London County Council to the Metropolitan Borough Councils, thus setting up in London 28 different registering authorities instead of one, was considered to be sacrificing the best interests of both patients and nurses by subjecting Nursing Homes to association with Disorderly Houses.

Mrs. Stabb undertook to move in the matter.

A NATIONAL BANNER.

The President gave notice that she would bring forward at the next meeting of the Council the recommendation that the National Council of Trained Nurses should adopt a Banner for use on official occasions.

The meeting then terminated.

BEATRICE CUTLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

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