

The President explained that the meeting was called merely to keep the business of the International Council together. A meeting of the New York Committee had previously been held to consider International affairs.

The balance sheet sent by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Margaret Breay, was read and adopted.

It was proposed by Miss Cooke, seconded by Miss Kent, and carried unanimously that Miss Breay, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Dock, Hon. Secretary, be asked to retain office for the next triennial period. It was also agreed that the invitation from Denmark to hold the next Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen be accepted, and that Mrs. Henny Tscherning should be invited to accept the office of President.

It was proposed by Miss Hulme and seconded by Miss Knottenvelt that Miss Goodrich should be elected an Hon. President of the International Council upon her retirement from her three years' term of office in recognition of her services during that period.

This resolution was carried with acclamation. Much regret was expressed that Miss Wright, the Canadian delegate, was absent through illness. The meeting then terminated.

Miss Hulme's Report will be read with much interest.

ADDRESS BY MISS BEATRICE KENT.

Miss Kent, with the aid of two excellent maps then gave the meeting an interesting account of the experiences of Miss Hulme and herself, from the time when they were met by Miss Dock on their arrival in New York Harbour, on June 3rd, until their return there after visiting California, Alaska, and journeying across Canada.

She spoke of the kindness and hospitality shown them by Miss M. A. Nutting and A. W. Goodrich at Teachers' College where they had the pleasure of seeing a Greek play, and by many other Superintendents and nurses in New York, and then of the journey to San Francisco on the Nurses' train which started with 20 nurses, and arrived at the journey's end with 150, besides 50 friends, the scenery seen from the observation car including desert States, with arid plains, over which prairie dogs roamed, and then the Grand Canyon of Arizona, whose wonder and mystery, needed, said the speaker, a most eloquent tongue to describe. It is a titanic chasm 270 miles long, 13 or 14 wide and a mile deep, through which the Colorado river flows, and its glorious colouring includes every colour in the spectrum. On a picked site on the rim is an hotel with a large, long terrace from which various aspects of the canyon can be viewed, as also from the Rim Drive. It is possible to visit the floor, in which case the descent is made by the Bright Angel trail or the Hermit trail, but both are very precipitous and rather dangerous.

The next point of interest was Riverside, where the delegates were met by members of the State Nurses' Association. (Miss Hulme has

already described in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the Riverside Hotel, and their visit to the summit of Mount Rubidoux, where a wooden cross commemorates the foundation of the first of 21 missions established by the Spanish Fathers of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi in the eighteenth century.)

Miss Kent then went on to tell of Los Angeles, where again they were met by members of the State Nurses' Association. She was much interested in the women police. It was in Los Angeles that the first woman policeman was appointed, and she has done a wonderful work. No child under 18 is admitted to prison under any circumstances, and no girl under 21 for more than one night. But the prisons are used as places of rescue as well as of punishment.

The Yosemite Valley was described by Miss Kent as most wonderful. A river runs through the gorge. The delegates were taken in brakes which dashed down headlong, to the centre of the valley where they lunched, and then went on to the National Park, where the giant trees—redwoods and others—the oldest and largest in existence, supposed to be 8,000 years old, are one of the sights of the world. Miss Kent showed a photograph illustrating their immense height. One is known as the Grisly Giant, and another the Fallen Monarch, nothing kills them, and standing inside the fallen giant they looked up to see green bows overhead.

On again to Santiago, where there was a beautiful Exposition, and so to San Francisco, where the Nurses' train arrived ten days after it left New York.

Miss Kent described the colouring of the Exposition buildings as very wonderful. A French colourist had been employed to design a scheme in harmony with the brilliant colouring of the bay, and the effect was very striking.

Describing the meetings of the Congress, and her intercourse with American nurses, Miss Kent expressed the opinion that their progress since they have obtained State Registration is little short of marvellous. All they are doing is due to the power behind them which Registration gives. The keynote of the Congress was education, and more education, and the papers presented were remarkable for their high tone and idealism.

This fact indeed was alluded to by Dean Gresham, who in addressing the Congress said:—

"I think it must be apparent to all who have heard those delightful papers that a fine strain of idealism and spirituality runs through them. It seemed to me as I listened that there is hardly any place for the official ministry which I represent, because the ideals for which that ministry stands are so beautifully exemplified in the active service of such women as yourselves. I had no conception that there would be that note, or to such an extent. It seems to me that it augurs most promisingly for the spiritual effectiveness of the work upon which you are about to enter. Will it not be a very beautiful thing if, in addition to all those wonderful objects upon which your eyes

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