

L. L. Dock compiled the third and fourth volumes of "A History of Nursing" she consulted with members of the Affiliated National Councils in the various countries and obtained from them information as to the history and development of nursing in those countries, though we know that she also visited many of them and studied nursing conditions there for herself. But, as an acknowledgment of the help she then received, she has always given the royalties on these two volumes to the International Council of Nurses. We received the first in the Triennial Period, 1915-1918, and have received in all £91 10s. We have also received a discount on the volumes of the "History of Nursing" sold in Great Britain from Messrs. Putnams, and £10 4s. as interest from money placed on deposit with our bankers.

The Congresses organised at the same time as the Quinquennial, and later the Triennial, Meetings of the Grand Council, have always paid their way by the sale of tickets, and sometimes have left a balance in hand. At these Congresses, organised, as you will remember, by the National Council of Nurses in the countries in which they have been held, we have been shown the greatest kindness and hospitality, and we have extended cordial invitations to others interested in nursing, though not necessarily nurses, to attend as fraternal delegates.

In regard to our official organs, the organ of the affiliated National Council in each country has been recognised, and permitted us to use its columns as the official organ of the International, thus saving us an enormous amount of expense in the way of printing; and for our International Headquarters, by the kindness of the President of the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) a fine room has been placed at the disposal of the Council free of cost for the last 24 years, where numerous documents and records and the nucleus of an international library are stored. Miss Dock, when in England, has used this room for doing all her International work and for interviewing visitors. Constantly there are callers from various parts of the world asking for information, which is supplied to them by experts.

With the professional help gladly rendered in the various directions I have indicated, we have been able to keep well within our income—a self-supporting, self-governing, and therefore self-respecting, body of professional workers.

### RESOLUTIONS.

To Dr. Anna Hamilton,

HON. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR FRANCE.

The Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses desires to express to Dr. Anna Hamilton its sincere regret at hearing of her present disability, and hopes that the much-needed rest she is now taking will result in her restoration to health, and wishes all success to the Florence Nightingale School for Nurses at Bordeaux.

To Miss Lavinia L. Dock, R.N.,

Foundation Member and First Hon. Secretary.

The Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses desires to express to Miss Lavinia L. Dock, late Hon. Secretary of the Council, its regret that she is unable to be with them on this occasion, and to assure her that her great interest, and the personal touch of her work for the professional advancement of nurses will be kept for ever in the memory of all those whose interests are closely allied with those of the International Council of Nurses.

The interpretation of "international hospitality" as an object of the International Council of Nurses by the Danish National Council, leaves with those who enjoyed it, a warm glow of pleasure, wonder and gratitude. *Mange, Mange Tak.*

MARGARET BREAY.

### NURSING ASSOCIATION OF CHINA\*

By Miss Cora E. Simpson.

China, with her four hundred million people, 5,000 years of written history, great areas untouched by any medical work, all diseases known to humanity running riot, and with no place in her past history for the nurses, make it a wonderful place in which to develop nursing ideals. Modern nursing in China is of recent origin, was started, brought to the present state of development, and is still in the hands of Missionary nurses. This is the one country in the world where Christian nurses were free to establish ideals and carry them to a full fruition unhampered. In just ten years' time the scattered groups of nurses were organised, had put over a programme for the registration of schools, uniform curriculum, National diploma and examination, established a Journal of Nursing, built up a great Association with her own graduates, received into full membership, made themselves a National power, and brought the work of nurses from "no word in the language for nurse" to the Association's full membership in the International Council of Nurses, which is a record unsurpassed by any Nurses' Association in the world. This record demands the world's tribute to the work the Missionary nurses have been quietly doing in the past dozen years.

The first Missionary Hospital in the world was opened by Dr. Peter Parker in Canton in 1835, and now has in connection one of our Registered Schools of Nursing.

Miss Elizabeth McKechnie, the first nurse to come to China, reached Shanghai in March, 1884. She is still living, and is a member of the N.A.C. The first nurse trained abroad was Miss Elsie Mawfung Chung, trained at Guy's Hospital, London. She is now Mrs. Lyon, of Tientsin. The first book translated was Mrs. Isabel Hampton Robb's "Principle and Practice of Nursing." The translation was begun by Dr. Eleanor Chesnut, of Lienchow, Kwangtang. She

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