

and Hon. Vice-Presidents. She had also received, and answered, some 250 to 300 letters on the Council's behalf, many of them difficult letters to answer.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

A satisfactory financial report was presented by Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR NURSING EDUCATION.

The President reported that she had attended a meeting of the European Council for Nursing Education in Paris last March, and it was quite evident that the Council had been formed as a means of bringing isolated workers together. She considered that it would be well to interest these pioneer nurses in the work of the International Council of Nurses, and until such time as National Councils of Nurses were fully formed in the countries where they are working that the ladies whose names she mentioned might be appointed as Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Council. She proposed that they should be invited to accept these positions, on the understanding that they should hold the appointments until they could recommend graduate nurses of these countries as suited to hold these positions: Miss Anderson (Turkey), Miss Anscombe (Roumania), Miss Bridge (Poland), Miss Newton (Serbia), Miss Torrance (Bulgaria), Miss Zacca (Greece).

The standing of the International Council of Nurses towards the College of Nursing, Ltd., was discussed, on the President reporting that she had been approached by Sir Arthur Stanley, the Chairman, to advise them as to how they could affiliate with the Council, and a resolution was accepted to be brought up again with a rider at a later meeting.

The possibility of co-operation with the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies was discussed, and a statement made by the President on the subject. This was referred for consideration at a later meeting of the Executive.

Tuesday, July 31st.

On the morning of Tuesday, July 31st, the Executive meet at the Kommune Hospital, before the open Conference, the President in the chair.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

RESOLUTION.

Resolved—

"That the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, having heard the statement of its President, that she has been approached by Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in regard to its relation to the International Council of Nurses, desires to inform the College of Nursing, Ltd., that the International Council of Nurses has no jurisdiction in the matter, as membership of the International Council of Nurses is confined to National Associations of Nurses, formed of representative Societies of Nurses, and that the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland is the accredited channel through which relations can be

established with the International Council of Nurses."

RIDER.

"The constitution of the College of Nursing being at present out of harmony with that of the International Council of Nurses, we venture to suggest that in case the College of Nursing, as we have been led to suppose by the inquiry its Chairman addressed verbally to the President of the International Council of Nurses, should wish for affiliation, it should make such changes in its constitution as would provide for a Board of Directors composed entirely of Nurses.

"The International Council of Nurses, which is always working for unity among nurses, would welcome such a solution of the present very difficult situation in England."

STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The following statement sent for presentation to the Executive Committee by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland was read:—

Statement for Presentation to the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen, July 30th to August 1st, 1923.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland having received the Agenda for the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses to be held at Copenhagen, July 30th to August 1st, and having regard to the statement officially circulated that "important issues are to be considered, and possibly a thorough change of the policy held up till now by the International Council of Nurses," desires to submit for the consideration of the Executive Committee the following Statement.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland has no information whether the items on the Agenda have been put forward by any of the National Councils affiliated to the International, or whether there is anything in writing from the Organisations mentioned on the Agenda.

1. Policy of the International Council determined by the Triennial Meeting.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland desires to point out that it is not competent to the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses to adopt a change of policy in the middle of a Triennial period, and that any proposed alteration in the Constitution must be submitted to the Triennial Meeting, printed notice thereof having been sent to each member of the Council at least three months prior to such Meeting.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland is of opinion that no alteration in the policy of the International Council should be made which affects the *fundamental basis* upon which the Council was founded, namely, (1) that membership is restricted to trained nurses, grouped in National Councils, who alone have power to vote, and (2) that each National Council is autonomous. Beyond this it has always been the policy of the International Council to invite the freest co-operation with other bodies interested in nursing though not exclusively composed of nurses, and at the International Congresses held in

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