

we know that we can easily appeal to it, and that it has nothing to do with philanthropy.

One of our nurses, a sister-tutor, has already often held repetition courses for fully-trained nurses, at which the attendance has been so good as to indicate that there is need for such courses.

So, with our small group of eight hundred nurses, we try to bring our work into prominence and to win respect for our workers.

In the next letters I hope to go more fully into these points.

M. BERKELBACK VAN DER SPENKEL.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, on Thursday, July 24th, at 4.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair. There was a good attendance, and the Council had the happiness of the presence of Mrs. Strong, from Scotland, and Miss M. Huxley, Vice-President, from Ireland.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Amongst the letters of regret at inability to attend were one from Miss G. A. Rogers (Vice-President) and one from Miss L. Ramsden, a delegate of the Matrons' Council, at present in Ireland.

The correspondence also included a cablegram of greetings and congratulations to the President from Miss Christiane Reimann (Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses) on July 1st, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding by her of that Council, and a letter from Mrs. Norrie of Copenhagen, a Foundation Member of the I.C.N. thanking Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her unselfish work, not only for British Nurses but for the nurses of the whole world. Greetings were also received with pleasure from the Comtesse Louise d'Uzel, Hon. Secretary of the Fédération Nationale des Infirmières, Belge, and a letter from Miss Jean Browne, President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses. Letters were also considered from the Hon. Secretary, Professional Union of Trained Nurses, the Hon. Secretary of the British Empire Exhibition, and the League of Red Cross Societies, and action taken in relation thereto.

The President also reported a correspondence with Miss Clara D. Noyes, National Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, a Past President of the American Nurses' Association and a brilliant woman.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

Applications for affiliation were received from the L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union (President, Miss H. L. Pearse), and the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Nurses' League (President, Miss J. W. Davies), and unanimously approved.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES' DELEGATES.

The nominations of delegates by the following Societies were confirmed:—*League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses*, Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss Eleanor M. Brinton; *L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union*, Miss Mary Wilson and Miss F. Brownsdon; *Registered Nurses' Society*, Miss Evelyn E. F. Eburah; *Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League*, Mrs. Balstone.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Breay, presented the Financial Statement to date, showing a balance in hand. The Financial Year ends in November.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. L. Pearse, in her Report

reminded the Council that it was on July 1st twenty-five years ago that the International Council of Nurses was founded by its President at the Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council, and said, "those of us who have been privileged to attend Meetings and Congresses of the International Council know how much professional profit and pleasure, and how much goodwill and happy friendship has resulted from these meetings. Not only the nurses of this country, but the nurses of the world, owe our President more thanks than we can express for this enlarging and ennobling influence. Had she accomplished nothing else, it would have been a life's work to be proud of. We, who know her, know that it is only one of very many activities for the good of our profession, to the benefit of which she has devoted her life, her talents, and her powers of organisation. We will thank her here and now." (Applause.)

Miss Pearse expressed the pleasure it had been to the Council to have the opportunity of entertaining Members of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and to learn from them that their President, Miss Alexander, and other Delegates hope to attend the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors in 1925.

Miss Pearse also reported that she had addressed two Leagues on the subject of the National and International Councils of Nurses, and hoped in the autumn to have the opportunity of speaking to others.

BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Business in connection with the International Council of Nurses was considered, including a communication from Miss C. Reimann, *re* the Report of the Executive Business at Copenhagen, and a Questionnaire received from Miss Reimann, now in New York, asking the Council for its co-operation in obtaining information about recent developments in nursing in this country, the immediate use for this data would be in organising the work of the Committee on Education, and in preparing the programme for the Helsingfors Congress in 1925.

The line of action to be adopted was decided upon.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE I.C.N.

The Council then considered the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses, Article by Article, and decided upon certain amendments and additions to be proposed in its name, to be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary in time for inclusion on the Agenda of the Meeting of the Grand Council at Helsingfors in 1925.

A DELEGATE FUND.

It was agreed that the question of raising a Delegate Fund should be seriously considered after the autumn vacation. The President reported that the Committee of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund had decided to allot the £80 interest on the Fund to members of the League, giving a grant of £20 to four members attending the Congress at Helsingfors, and Miss Pearse stated that the L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union already had the matter in hand, and hoped to send one, if not more, Fraternal Delegates.

REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE OF THE CHARITY OF MARIABELLA FRY.

By the Scheme for the administration of the Charity of Mariabella Fry, for the benefit of members of the National Union of Trained Nurses, framed by the Charity Commission, the National Council of Trained Nurses has the right to appoint a Representative Trustee on that body. It was reported that Miss Edith C. Mellor, a member of the N.C.T.N., with whom the Council had been in communication since its meeting in November last, and who was personally known to the late Mariabella Fry, had agreed to accept the position, and she was formally appointed.

The meeting then terminated.

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