

effort for the Emergency Fund, which would take the form of an American Sale at the General Meeting in July.

Miss J. W. Davies, President of the Royal Infirmary Bradford Nurses' League, wrote that the Council of the League had decided to raise its yearly subscription to meet the necessary annual fee of 2½d. per capita contribution to the International Council of Nurses, and if any additional sum was needed at any time the League would be prepared to help in any way suitable.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were carried unanimously, on the proposition of Miss Carson Rae, seconded by Miss Isabel Macdonald :—

"That in the opinion of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain it is advisable that the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses should meet annually at Headquarters at Geneva, and at such other times and places as may be considered necessary, and that the first meeting of the Directors should take place in the summer or autumn of 1926."

"That the above Resolution, if agreed, be sent to the Secretary of the International Council of Nurses requesting her to submit it for the consideration of the President, and asking her, if she approves, to call a meeting under Article I (i) of the Bye-laws of the International Council of Nurses."

Other business having been dealt with, the meeting then terminated.

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee elected to carry out the arrangements in regard to the Bazaar for the I.C.N. and N.C.N. was held at 431, Oxford Street, on April 26th. Further information will be found on page 94.

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Miss Susan C. Francis, the Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, writes to the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain from 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.: "It is my privilege to extend to you, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Nurses' Association, a most cordial invitation to attend the Sessions of the Biennial Convention of the Association, which will be held in conjunction with the American Health Congress in Atlantic City, May 17th-22nd, 1926. Looking forward with pleasure to welcoming you and such other members of your organisation who may be able to join us that week."

A fine Programme has been arranged for the Convention, and we only wish it was possible to accept this very kind invitation, which we know by past experience would be most delightful and inspiring. We are looking forward to the day when our National Council may institute a travelling scholarship annually, and thus keep us in touch with nursing progress throughout the world. Money so spent would bestow a great benefit upon our National Organization, and would be a prize worth winning by its members.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held, by the kind invitation of the Committee of Management and Matron at the Epileptic Colony, Chalfont St. Peter, on Saturday, May 8th.

Train leaves Paddington, 2.23 p.m.; arrives Gerrard's Cross, 3.8 p.m. Cheap fares are issued and conveyances will meet the train. Members are asked to notify Miss Parry, the Matron, of their intention to be present.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 17th, at 4.30 p.m., Miss Beatrice Kent, S.R.N., President, in the Chair, to consider proposed legislation affecting the Nursing and Midwifery Professions.

Such proposed legislation includes :—

The Midwives' and Maternity Homes' Bill (Bill 38), "To amend the Midwives' Acts, 1902 and 1918, and to provide for the registration of Maternity Homes, and for purposes connected therewith" presented by Colonel Fremantle, and supported by Major Hills, Sir Henry Slesser, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Greenwood.

The Births and Deaths Registration Bill (Bill 20) "To amend the law relating to the certification of deaths and the disposal of the dead," presented by Mr. Tinne, supported by Colonel Fremantle, Sir Henry Cautley, and Sir Henry Slesser. This Bill includes a provision for the Registration of still births and regulations as to the burial of still born children. If the Bill becomes law, therefore, it is essential that midwives should be acquainted with its provisions.

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

As a result of the introduction last year into the House of Commons by Mr. Gerald Hurst, K.C., of a Bill to provide for the Registration and Inspection of Nursing Homes the House of Commons on March 2nd, 1926, ordered "That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and inquire into the question of the inspection and supervision of Nursing Homes, and to report what legislation, if any, is necessary and desirable for this purpose." Sir Cyril Cobb was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Correspondence included the following letter from the Minister of Health :—

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to advert to your letter of the 4th instant, and with regard to the request that publicity may be given to the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown on the legal aspect of Section 3 (2) (a) and (b) of the Nurses' Registration Act, I am to state that on reference to the Minutes of Evidence before the Select Committee on the General Nursing Council, it will be seen that the matter in question was not referred to the Law Officers. The Minister acted upon the advice of the Department's Legal Advisers and it would be contrary to practice to publish the exact terms of that advice.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) P. BARTER.

Also letters from Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., in acknowledgment of a resolution forwarded to him after the last meeting of the Council, from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, acknowledging Resolutions sent, from Miss E. Wilkinson, M.P., and from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. The Hon. Secretary, Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., writes :—

"At the last Meeting of the above Council I was directed to send you a letter of congratulation upon the result of the findings of the Select Committee of the House of Commons.

We feel that we have you and your Council to thank in obtaining for us the Freedom of Election of the 11 places allotted to the Registered Nurses on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and for the measure of success obtained with regard to the Syllabus of Prescribed Training."

It was resolved to inform the Minister of Health that the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council still maintain the right of probationers in training to a Scheme of Training

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