

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, Montreal, 1929.

The Sixth Regular Meeting of the International Council of Nurses will be held in Montreal from July 8th to July 15th, 1929. It is expected from five to seven thousand nurses from all parts of the world will be present.

A brief historical record of the Council and its aims may be of interest to those planning to attend the meeting.

The International Council of Nurses, which is the title of the Federation of National Associations of Nurses, was founded in London, England, in 1899, by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who was also the first President. No affiliation of National Associations took place until 1904, when those of Great Britain, the United States and Germany were affiliated. Other Associations were affiliated in London in 1909, Cologne 1912, and Copenhagen in 1922, so that at the last quadrennial meeting held in Helsingfors, Finland, in 1925, affiliated associations from nineteen countries were represented on the Council.

The voting body of the Council is known as the Grand Council, which is composed of the executive officers of the Council, and the Presidents and four delegates from each National Organisation.

The aim of the Council may be summed up in a quotation from the front page of the Official Organ: "The essential idea for which the International Council of Nurses stands is self-government of nurses in their associations, with the aim of raising ever higher the standard of education and professional ethics, public usefulness, and civic spirit of their members."

Committee on Arrangements, International Council of Nurses.

The Committee on Arrangements of the International Council of Nurses has opened a provisional office at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and will be very glad to give information or help to those planning to attend the 1929 meeting.

Arrangements are being made for accommodating the visitors during the Congress in Montreal, and in order that a sufficient number of rooms can be secured it is important to know approximately how many will attend.

Applications for rooms should be made early, and through the Committee on Arrangements. When applying, please write a brief application, indicating (1) name, address, and position of applicant; (2) type of room desired in Montreal; and (3) probable date of arrival and length of stay.

The Province of Quebec and the Nursing Organisations of Canada are awaiting the opportunity to welcome the visiting nurses to Montreal, and nurses are urged to plan their holidays so that they will be in Montreal for the week beginning July 8th, 1929.

Anyone who may plan to come to Montreal by motor and who is not familiar with the routes can obtain information by applying direct to the Montreal Tourist and Convention Bureau, Inc., New Birks Building, Montreal, when particulars concerning the roads and routes will be given and maps furnished by Mr. Geo. A. Grafftey, Convention Manager.

Miss M. F. Hersey, Superintendent of Nurses, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is Convener of the Committee on Arrangements.

The new additional General Secretary of the Nurses' Association of China, Miss Mary Shih Hsi-En, Superintendent of Nurses of the Sleeper Davis Hospital, Peking, is one of the official delegates of the Nurses Association of China to the Congress of the I.C.N. at Montreal.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39 Portland Place, London, W., on Tuesday, May 22nd. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair. In addition to members of the Committee present Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer International Council of Nurses, attended by invitation.

Correspondence.

The following letters were considered:—

1. From the National Council of Women of Great Britain notifying that the Annual Conference would be held in York, from October 15th to 19th, 1928.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was nominated and accepted to act as one of the two delegates, and Miss Davies, President Royal Infirmary Bradford Nurses' League or, failing her, Miss Villiers was to be invited to act.

2. Letter from Miss Rundle, Secretary, College of Nursing, notifying that Miss Cox-Davies had been nominated to represent the President of the College on the Executive Committee during her illness.

It was agreed that Miss Cox-Davies be summoned to attend, but could not vote.

The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the difficulty of the representation of affiliated Associations—under the present Constitution—as the Presidents of such Associations, of whom the Executive was largely composed were very busy women, and could not always be present. She gave notice to place an amendment to the Constitution on the Annual Meeting Agenda, providing for an elected substitute, preferably the Hon. Secretary, with voting power should the President be unable to attend and represent the Association.

The Committee approved the recommendation.

3. Letter from Miss C. Reimann, Secretary International Council of Nurses, intimating that the date of the Nursing Congress at Montreal would be from July 8th to 13th, 1929, and probably the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. would meet a week before that date on July 1st, and the Grand Council three or four days ahead of the Congress about July 3rd.

The Chairman reminded the Meeting that this would necessitate the Members of the Board of Directors and the four elected delegates of the Council leaving for Canada about the third week in June, 1929, and this must be borne in mind in accepting to serve as a Delegate.

Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee.

4. Letter from Miss Reimann re nomination of Chair of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, the members of which are:—

Miss Helen Bridge, Director School of Nursing, Warsaw, Poland.

Miss Adda Eldredge, Director Bureau of Nursing Education, State Board of Health, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President National Council of Nurses, Great Britain.

Miss Inge Funding, Instructor Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Miss Carrie M. Hall, President National League of Nursing Education, U.S.A.

Miss Ethel Johns, Rockefeller Foundation, Paris.

Mrs. Neumann-Rahn, Director of Preliminary Course, Maria Sjukhus, Helsingfors, Finland.

Miss A. Lloyd-Still, Matron St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

The Chairman wished before she replied to this letter to

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