

National Council—General, in England and Scotland, Mental, and Infectious Hospitals, so that highly qualified expert opinion was now available for the work of the Council.

#### The International Congress on Tuberculosis and International Nurses' Reunion, Rome, September, 1928.

An invitation to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to take part in the International Congress on Tuberculosis at Rome, in September, was brought up under other business. In this connection, the following Resolution from the British College of Nurses was considered:—

"That the British College of Nurses hope that the National Council of Nurses, to which it is affiliated, will organise the group of Nurses belonging to affiliated Societies who intend to attend the International Congress on Tuberculosis and the Nurses' Re-union at Rome, in September, 1928."

It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation of the Committee of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, of which the King of Italy is President, the Queen of Italy being President of the Nursing Section, and also to organise the group of affiliated Nurses. It was agreed that the distinctive purple and silver Ribbon Badge, as worn at Geneva, should be available for National Council Nurses, and the special arrangements made known through the Societies and the Press.

#### Financial Statement.

Miss Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement, showing that since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, when a balance of £78 rs. 8d. was carried forward, there had been received £181 7s. 2d., in *per capita* contributions to the Annual Subscription of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the International Council of Nurses, Annual Fees, and Affiliation Fee. A cheque for £162 12s. 8d. had been sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses. Other expenditure amounted to £6 7s., and the balance in hand was £90 9s. 6d. Of this balance £18 19s. 4d. was earmarked for the *per capita* subscription to the I.C.N. for the half-year, July to December, 1928.

#### Official Records.

The Committee sanctioned expenditure on binding the Transactions of the International Council of Nurses, and the two volumes, 1926 and 1927, of the I.C.N. (the official organ) for the records of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

The meeting then terminated.

#### THE CATHOLIC NURSES' GUILD

The Guild Meeting of the Catholic Nurses' Guild on June 17th, will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Westminster Cathedral, at 3 p.m., when the Speaker will be Mrs. de C. Hopital.

#### FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, June 8th, 1928, at the premises of the London Wholesale Dairies at Vauxhall, adjoining Vauxhall Station, London, S.E.11. Through the kindness of the United Dairies, Ltd., members will be shown over the new premises and it is hoped that every member, London as well as Provincial, will make an effort to attend. The Directors of the United Dairies, Ltd., have very kindly promised to provide tea for all members attending.

The premises adjoin Vauxhall Station, and for the convenience of members, the numbers of the bus routes that

converge on Vauxhall Station are here given: 2a, 2c, 2d, 32, 36, 51a, 77a, 80, 88, 136a, 177, 180.

#### LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held at the Hospital, on Saturday, July 7th, at 3 p.m.

At the conclusion of the business, the meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering, in the Great Hall.

#### THE GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting of the Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League was held at the Hospital on May 4th, preceded by the Dinner which is always such a delightful feature of this function.

Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., late Matron of the Hospital, presided at the meeting, and the Matron and Hon. Secretary, Miss Emily MacManus, presented the report on the year's work, and the financial statement.

The report includes the following items:—

184 Nurses have spent week ends at the Cottage, and nearly 1,500 short visits have been made. Fifteen past members have also visited the Cottage for short periods during the year.

1,550 volumes have been taken out of the Nurses' Library during the year, and about 30 new books have been added.

The Nurses' Choral and Dramatic Society, in conjunction with the Guy's Hospital Musical Society, have had a very successful season. Four performances of the "Mikado" were given at the Guildhall School of Music in December, and a sum of £50 was handed to the Hospital, after all expenses had been paid, leaving a good balance in hand.

The Nurses' Debating Society held a most successful debate in the Nurses' Home on November 24th, the first since November, 1925, the subject being "Marriage versus Career." On the close of the debate, "Marriage" was carried by a large majority.

Further contributions received during the year, brought the Nurses' League Bicentenary Appeal Fund up to £2,424 15s.

The two private rooms have again been occupied by sick members of the League for the greater part of the year.

In May last, the Governors received an offer from a client to buy the piece of land, 130 feet by 62 feet, immediately above the Cottage, but before closing with the offer, they gave the Nurses' League the option of purchasing the ground. After due consideration, the Council thought that it would be a wise thing for the League to buy the land in order to prevent buildings being erected close to the Cottage, but they felt that the League Funds were not at that time large enough to enable them to buy the land outright, and they asked the Governors to hold the land until such time as the League could complete the purchase. At a meeting of the Court of Governors in July, the Governors generously agreed to grant the Nurses' League a 999 years' lease for the piece of land, on payment of a rental of £3 per annum. On hearing this, our good friend, Lord Revelstoke and Sir Cosmo Bonsor very generously offered to defray the cost of laying out the land as a wild garden. The work has just been completed, and I am sure the garden will give great pleasure to our Nurses during the summer.

Two large items in our expenditure this year are the printing of the new Register, £192 8s., and the making and laying out of the extra piece of land as a wild garden £168.

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