

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### 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 on Monday, February 6th, in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 4 p.m., the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, being in the chair.

In addition to the members of the Committee there were present, by invitation, Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, and Miss M. S. Rundle, Secretary of the College of Nursing, representing its President, Miss A. W. Gill, who was too ill to attend.

#### Correspondence.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Miss Kathleen Smith, R.R.C., Vice-President, Miss R. E. Wallace, R.R.C., President Southwark Hospital Nurses' League, Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., President League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses, and Miss Margaret McDonald, President, Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League.

A letter was received from Miss S. A. Villiers, President, Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association, accepting the position of Vice-President; and from Miss E. F. Brownsdon, a delegate of the L.C.C. School Nurses' Union, accepting the position of Director.

A letter was received from Miss C. E. Vincent, R.R.C., President of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, Nurses' League, acknowledging with thanks, and a deep appreciation of the "distinct honour" done to her in inviting her to accept the position of a Director, and regretting that inability to attend meetings in London compelled her to decline it.

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, who was present, was invited to accept the office of Director, and consented to do so.

#### Delegates Nominated to the Grand Council since the General Meeting.

##### BY THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

1. Miss A. Stewart Bryson, F.B.C.N., Matron, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.
2. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Matron, Charing Cross Hospital.
3. Miss Dorothy K. Graham, F.B.C.N., Lecturer.
4. Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N.

##### BY THE MENTAL HOSPITALS' MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

1. Miss Hearder, Matron, Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E.1.
2. Miss Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

##### BY THE BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

1. Miss Margaret B. Vickers, Hon. Sec., B.R.I. Nurses' League (in place of Mrs. Fitzhugh).

These nominations of delegates on the Grand Council were approved.

#### Travel Arrangements for the Montreal Congress of the I.C.N.

The President then stated that a representative of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son (head office, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, W.1), the official travel agents authorised by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, to make the travel arrangements in connection with the meeting and congress of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal in 1929, was in attendance, to give the Committee preliminary information as to the arrangements. She proposed that this business should be taken next.

Mr. Harper, representative of Messrs. Cook, was then interviewed, and stated that a Programme had been prepared, which could be obtained by request by Affiliated National Associations, or direct from the firm by individual members of these organisations. He further said that the ocean fares to Montreal and return, or to New York and return, from Southampton, Liverpool or Glasgow, vary according to the steamer. He recommended a comparatively new type of class, "Tourist Third Cabin," by which the return fare to and from either place would be from £38 upwards, and the voyage would take from six to ten days, according to the steamer selected. The train journey between New York and Montreal occupies twelve hours. Extensions can be arranged to points of interest in Canada and the United States—to include beauty spots in the Canadian Rockies, California, the Yosemite Valley, the principal cities in both countries to meet the requirements of parties or individuals.

In reply to questions, Mr. Harper stated that the steamers could be seen, by arrangement, that they were about 20,000 ton boats, that hotels in Montreal and elsewhere would cost about three dollars (12s. 6d.) and upwards a day, that bookings should be made tentatively nine months beforehand, but that the deposit would be returned if the passenger found later that it was impossible for her to go.

Mr. Harper assured the Committee that Messrs. Thomas Cook would do everything possible to meet its requirements and that a leaflet was being printed, 5,000 of which would be distributed.

#### The Official Party to Montreal.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the official party from Great Britain to the International Council Meeting and Nursing Congress to be held in Montreal in 1929, should be composed of trained nurses, and that it could not be responsible for unprofessional persons who might wish to attach themselves to the party and avail themselves of privileges, financial and otherwise, as suggested in a letter from Headquarters. The large meetings in connection with the Congress would, no doubt, be open to the public in Montreal under such conditions as the Canadian Nurses' Association might prescribe, but the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain could not make itself responsible for strangers availing themselves of the amenities of the Council to which they did not belong, and anticipating unrestricted hospitality for social functions, etc., at Montreal. The Canadian Nurses' Association had issued an invitation to the International Council of Nurses, and not to an indefinite number of "doctors, teachers, social workers and others," as suggested in the letter from Headquarters printed in the leaflet. The Committee agreed to delete the words, "doctors, teachers, social workers and others," so far as the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was concerned, and to proceed to do all in its power to inspire trained nurses with the determination to visit Canada in 1929—and benefit by the wonderful experience resulting from such an exchange of ideals. The corrected leaflet would be available from the National Council office, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, and it was agreed that 200 copies should be delivered to the College of Nursing, Ltd., Henrietta Street, London, W. 1.

#### Sub-Committee to Deal with Arrangements in connection with the Montreal Meeting.

The following ladies were nominated, and appointed, to serve on the sub-committee to deal with arrangements in connection with the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal in 1929:—

Miss A. M. Bushby (Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland).

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