

The opening Reception was a joint one of the two Associations, and was held in the beautiful building of the International Recreation Club.

Miss Lillian Wu spoke on behalf of the Nurses' Association of China, and Dr. McCracken on behalf of the China Medical Association.

Frequent reference was made to the amazing progress made by both medicine and nursing in China. Dr. McCracken said when he came to China twenty-five years ago there was not one Chinese doctor practising scientific medicine, and now, in the year 1930, this Conference of several hundred Chinese doctors all practising scientific medicine had met together with a week's programme that contained one hundred and forty scientific papers.

It was in the year 1909 that a group of missionary nurses met together to discuss the possibilities of training Chinese nurses and preparing for China a modern nursing profession.

At this 1930 Conference, the coming-of-age Conference, the delegates could not but realise how greatly God had blessed the faith and efforts of the leaders and what remarkable progress had been made. The Association now numbers two thousand nurses holding its diploma and engaged in all branches of nursing service.

The programme of the Conference was entirely carried out by Chinese nurses, and the papers were given by Chinese nurses in both Chinese and English. The officers of the Association are Chinese nurses and, at the request of the Government, the headquarters is to be moved to Nanking, where an office has been allotted to the General Secretary, Miss Mary Shih, in the Ministry of Health.

An announcement that gave great satisfaction was to the effect that the Ministry of Health had appointed Miss Mary Shih as Director of Nursing in China, and presented her with a badge of office, requesting that she take up her work in the new office as soon as possible.

The Government congratulated the Nurses' Association on the completeness of its office records, praise for which is specially due to Miss Cora Simpson, the Secretary, who has done so much to build up the Association.

Dr. J. Heng Lui, the Vice-Minister of Health, addressed the Conference on the subject of registration of Nurses. Regulations have been drawn up with the help of Miss Shih, and he asked that the Conference would seriously consider these regulations and make any suggestions they wished to him through Miss Shih before the regulations were published as compulsory. The Government hopes also in a year or so to take over the examinations for Nurses. A large examination hall in the Ministry of Health building is already allotted for the purpose.

Just as the nursing profession was the first profession in the world to form an International Association in 1899, so nursing is the first profession in China to be admitted into international relations.

In 1922 the N.A.C. was accepted as a full member of the I.C.N., and one of the questions discussed at this Conference was the possibility of inviting the Congress to meet in China in 1937.

Miss Lillian Wu and Miss Shih gave most interesting reports of the Congress at Montreal. Miss Wu told of Mrs. Strong's kindness to her, and her own joy in meeting so many friends that she had known in Finland.

Her charming description of the pageant of receiving new members made us all wish we could have been there.

The newly elected officers are:—

President.—Miss Victoria Pon, Superintendent of Nurses, Wuhu.

Vice-President.—Miss Hilda Wang, Sister-Tutor, Peking Union Medical College Hospital.

Chairman of Educational Committee.—Miss Irene Chu, R.N., Sister-Tutor, Hunan Yale School of Nursing, Changsha, China.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and eleventh meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on March 26th, the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

Correspondence.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Chairman reported that she had received a letter from Dr. Worth, resigning his seat on the Council. The Ministry of Health has not so far notified the resignation.

Miss Musson then referred to the death of Miss A. W. Gill, a notable nurse, and a member of the first General Nursing Council for Scotland. She thought it would be the wish of the Members of the Council to send a resolution of sympathy to her colleagues in Scotland, and this was agreed.

She also reported a letter from the Ministry of Health, enclosing for the information of the Council a copy of a despatch from the Minister of External Affairs, Cape Town, received from the Dominion Office on March 6th, with regard to a Resolution passed by the General Nursing Council on the subject of the Reciprocal Registration of Nurses with the South African Medical Council, stating that the proposals contained therein met with the approbation of the South African Medical Council.

That, said the Chairman, was information for which the Council had been waiting.

Miss Musson further informed the Council that she had seen Dr. Fawcett, who was very much better, and that the Registrar was not well and was away.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for postage stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £5 for Petty Cash were allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 15, 16 and 17 of the General Purposes Committee, namely, (15) that the following estimates of Messrs. A. and E. Walter for 60,000 Retention Fee Forms; £21, and 60,000 envelopes with glaciné front (£40 10s.) be accepted. (16) That the following uniform be purchased for the caretaker: Uniform suit, £6 6s.; uniform overcoat, £5 5s.; set of overalls, 12s. 11d. (17) That the offices be closed for Easter Holiday from mid-day Thursday, April 17th, until Tuesday morning, April 22nd.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered a letter dated March 4th, 1930, from the Chief Inspector of Taxes asking if the Council are now prepared to accept the decision in the case of the General Nursing Council of Scotland with reference to the question of Income Tax. The Committee had in accordance with authority granted by Council (October 19th, 1923) obtained Council's opinion as to the liability of the Council for Income Tax. The opinion of Council was that the Council is liable to Income Tax on income from investments, but not on surplus of income over expenditure. The Finance Committee recommended that Counsel's opinion be accepted, and a reply in that sense be forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Taxes. This was agreed.

It was further agreed to accept the estimate of £24 5s. of Messrs. J. S. Forsaith and Son for printing a draft scheme of Inspection of Training Schools.

Registration.

The Registration Committee presented 26 applications for approval for registration. For the General Register, 15, by reciprocity and for the Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, one by registration and 10 by examination. These were approved.

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