

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Susan C. Francis, Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, has through the official organs of Affiliated National Associations of Nurses made the following communication:—

"Following discussion of a resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of one of the State Hospital Associations, the Board of Directors of the American Nurses' Association at a Session held in Milwaukee, Wis, on June 7th, 1930, voted as follows:—

"That through the International Council of Nurses and *The International Nursing Review* notices be sent to the magazines of all countries outside the United States that there is at present great unemployment among nurses in the United States, and that the nursing field in this country is overcrowded."

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The third meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Affairs of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on July 14th, at 4.30 p.m.

There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Treasurer, I.C.N., Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss A. M. Bushby.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The next business was to consider communications in connection with the Florence Nightingale International Memorial, from Miss M. A. Nutting enclosing a memorandum on the proposed Nightingale Foundation—in the opinion of the President and Committee an exceedingly valuable document—in which Miss Nutting expressed approval of the suggestion to secure, if possible, No. 10, South Street, London, the home for so many years of Miss Nightingale. The Committee considered the matter from its financial standpoint and agreed on a course of action.

It was agreed to thank Miss Nutting warmly for her letters and suggestions and to ask her permission to make use of them.

The President brought to the notice of the Committee a letter from Miss Susan Francis, Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, notifying that there is great unemployment among nurses in the United States, and that the nursing field in that country is overcrowded.

Correspondence between the President, as Member of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, and Miss Reimann, concerning the constitution of the Nursing Committee of the International Hospital Committee, and its Congress to be held in Vienna in June 1931—also in reference to another communication from Headquarters—were considered, and the Committee unanimously confirmed the action of the President and decided that she should express its opinions to Miss Reimann and to Mlle. Chaptal, President I.C.N.

Interim Conference.

In a letter received Miss Reimann pointed out that the conditions in India are somewhat unsettled, and it might not be advisable to hold an Interim Conference in that country next year as suggested. It was agreed at a meeting of the Grand Council held in Montreal in July 1929 that the question of holding an Interim Conference in 1931 should be referred to the Board of Directors. In the event of such a Conference being held the Grand Council referred an invitation received from the Nurses

Association of India to the consideration of the Board, but made no recommendation.

The invitation to hold the next Congress or Interim Conference in Cuba was notified at a Meeting of the Board of Directors in Montreal, but the letter was not read. A letter of invitation was circulated in the room at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 14th, 1929.

Miss Noyes moved, and Miss Lillian Wu seconded, and it was carried:—

"That the decision as to holding an Interim Conference be left in abeyance for the present, also the place of meeting, but that India be given consideration, and that the matter be definitely settled by referendum vote of the Board of Directors."

Miss Musson considered that if the invitation from India were withdrawn, the Board of Directors must be consulted, and the question of Cuba as a place for an Interim Conference be considered.

Miss C. Reimann stated in her letter of June 28th that "In accordance with the desire expressed by the Members of the Board of Directors, a three days' Meeting of the Board will be held at International Headquarters, Geneva, during the month of July, 1931."

The Committee approved this arrangement.

After further business had been transacted the meeting terminated.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Summer Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Nurses' Home, when the President, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., was unanimously re-elected to that position for a term of three years, and in returning thanks for this honour said that she would do everything in her power to further the interests of the League. She now knew many more of the members than at the time of her election three years ago. She had had a very happy time and thanked the members of the League for their patience. She also thanked the Hon. Secretary, Miss Baines, who knew the League work from A to Z, for her great help.

The membership of the League was reported as now standing at 1,273 members.

The scrutineers reported that the highest number of votes for new members of the Executive had been recorded for Miss H. F. MacCormac, Miss Vergette, Miss M. Hitch, and Miss Pemberton, and they were accordingly elected. A vote of thanks was passed to Miss F. E. Cole, Miss G. R. Hale, Miss E. Marcon, and Miss M. S. Riddell, the retiring members, for their services.

The appointment of the President and Mrs. Hadfield as Trustees in connection with the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund was confirmed.

The President drew attention to the Appeal Fund which had been launched for the great reconstruction scheme for the hospital and asked whether the League wished to support this Appeal.

It was agreed to ask each member of the League to give or collect £1 to endow a bed in the new Surgical Block to be named "The League Bed," and the following members were appointed as a Committee to organize the League Appeal Fund. Mrs. Hayward, Chairman; Mrs. E. M. Dell, Hon. Secretary; Mrs. de Segundo (39, Howitt Road, Belsize Park, N.W. 3), Hon. Treasurer; Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, and Mrs. W. Sturdy. It was arranged to issue collecting cards, and to ask for their return by November 30th.

At the conclusion of the Meeting tea was served in the Nurses' Home, and proved, as usual, an opportunity for

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