

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The Balance Sheet, 1925-1928, which we print below, together with an explanatory Report made to the Congress, was presented by the Treasurer, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., to the Grand Council of the I.C.N. at its Quadrennial Meeting in Montreal.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, NOVEMBER 3rd, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31st, 1928.

1925		RECEIPTS.		
Nov. 3rd.				
To BALANCE				£40 17 8
To SUNDRY RECEIPTS:				
Annual Dues	£3,388	6	1	
Special Dues	211	19	2	
Donations	29	13	2	
Subscriptions to "I.C.N." ..	257	1	7	
Advertisements	45	4	11	
Sales of Report	39	3	4	
Royalties	47	9	2	
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				4,018 17 5

£4,059 15 1

PAYMENTS.		
BY EXPENDITURE—GENEVA:		
Salaries	£2,044	5 2
Rent	233	15 9
Heating & Lighting	51	8 8
Cleaning	71	12 11
Translations	75	17 6
Stationery & Wrappers	157	4 7
Telephone & Cables	30	19 4
Postages	301	12 10
Office Furniture and Equip- ment	228	8 3
Repairs	16	3 8
Sundries	13	0 10
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		£3,224 9 6

PRINTING:			
Report of Congress	69	10	8
I.C.N.	721	13	1
Copies of Constitution	1	8	8
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			792 12 5

BY EXPENDITURE—LONDON:			
Postages	1	11	3
Petty Expenses	6	3	6
Bank Charges	3	0	3
Audit Fee to 31st December, 1926	10	10	0
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			21 5 0
1928			
Dec. 31st.			
By BALANCE			21 8 2
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			£4,059 15 1

E. M. MUSSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above Statement of Receipts and Payments with the books and vouchers, and find the same correct, subject to my Report hereon.

(Sgd.) H. RENDALL GOTHARD,

Auditor.
*Chartered Accountant.*8, Laurence Pountney Hill,
Cannon Street, London, E.C.4.
6th June, 1929.

REPORT TO CONGRESS.

In presenting the Balance Sheet the Treasurer said that by permission of the Chairman (Miss Nina D. Gage, President I.C.N.) she was allowed to give the gist of the Finance Committee's Report, together with the Balance Sheet.

She reminded the Congress that at Helsingfors, in 1925, a new Constitution was adopted and an entirely new method of working. Up to that time the work had been carried on on a voluntary basis and the fee payable by each country was only £2 (10 dollars). The establishment of a central office and the appointment of paid secretaries necessitated a re-organisation of the fees, which were then established at the rate of 5 cents (American) per capita of the membership.

In 1925 the membership was a little less than 100,000 and the Budget prepared at Helsingfors outlined an expenditure of £800 per annum (4,000 dollars). At Geneva the Board of Directors authorised an increase of £300 per annum (1,500 dollars).

While all the Bills presented to the Treasurer have been met, the Board of Directors realise that a considerable amount of extra work has been paid for privately and they think that this is not the right method of working. The Budget for the coming period, based on the actual expenditure of the last two years, will amount to £1,900 (9,500 dollars). The income on present membership, if all dues are paid, should be £1,400 (7,000 dollars). In order to meet the additional £500, the Grand Council have recommended an increase in the dues from 5 to 8 cents per capita.

It has been decided to make a separate Budget for the Magazine and the sum above mentioned makes only a certain provision for loss on printing of Reports and Magazine and does not include any other increase of work in respect of "The International Nursing Review."

It is a pleasure to report that only one National Association was in arrears with its payments on December 31st, 1928.

ECHOES OF THE MONTREAL CONGRESS IN INDIA.

The nineteenth Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India was held at Madras in November last, and officially opened by Her Excellency Lady Stanley, who was welcomed by the President, Lady Symons, in the presence of a large and distinguished audience. In the course of the Conference Miss C. F. Slater, as reported in the *Nursing Journal of India*, was called upon to give her report on the Montreal Congress, held in July, 1929, and for three-quarters of an hour she held her audience spellbound in the delivery of a most delightful and interesting account of her visit to Montreal and subsequent visits to other parts of the world on her return journey. Miss Slater passed on to the delegates the maxim that if you want a tour round the world first go to the I.C.N. Congress Meeting and you will be sure of hospitality wherever you go. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Miss Slater not only for representing the T.N.A.I. at Montreal but for her able and interesting report. Following this and arising out of the Montreal report, items of business connected with the I.C.N. were discussed. It was resolved that the T.N.A.I. accept the added responsibility of paying the increased fees to the I.C.N., the fee from July, 1930, to be four annas per capita.

A letter was read from Miss Reimann, Secretary of the I.C.N., referring to the Proposed Interim Conference to be held in India in 1931, and it was resolved, provided a Conference is held, the place of meeting shall be Calcutta and that it shall be held about the middle of November.

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