

Committee. Miss Elnora Thomson (U.S.A.) was elected a member of the Congress Programme Committee, Miss M. Breay to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, and Miss Mary Roberts (U.S.A.) to the Committee on Ethical Standards. Report on Standing Committee on Finance. A resolution on a limit on Dues from the American Nurses Association. Consideration was given to the management of the *International Nursing Review*, the official organ of the I.C.N. It was agreed to reprint in pamphlet form the History of the International Council of Nurses from its inception in London in 1899 to the meeting in Helsingfors in 1925. The President had ordered 100 copies, which order she asked might be endorsed—as it would be advisable that this page of nursing history should be studied in every Training School. The question of a Nurse Field Secretary to work in the Health Section of the Secretariat of the League of Nations under Dr. Rajchman, the Director of the Health Section, was fully discussed, and a sub-committee empowered to arrange details subject to the understanding that the Board of Directors was not willing that such nurse should be described as a Field Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, as she would not in any way be under the control of the Board of Directors, nor could she express the considered opinion of the I.C.N. The relations of the International Hospital Association to the International Council of Nurses were discussed.

The Special Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial.

As Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presented a Report which was adopted. A sub-committee was appointed to consider the subject and presented to the Directors the following recommendations:—

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

1. That the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee be extended by the inclusion of the Presidents of all Member Associations.
2. That the Report of the Memorial Committee submitted by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be circulated with the invitation to serve.
3. That they be informed that it is suggested that ultimately—when the Committee has formulated some more concrete suggestions—influential persons in each country shall be included in the organising committee.
4. That the members of the Board of Directors assembled in Geneva regret that they cannot recommend the acquisition of 10, South Street, London, Miss Nightingale's house, as it is in a derelict condition, the space available is small, and the cost prohibitive.
5. The Board suggest that the Foundation should be in London, that it should be of an international character, and a living memorial—not a museum. The suggestion which most appeals to the Directors assembled in Geneva is that the memorial should take the form of an endowed foundation for post-graduate nursing education.

The Report was adopted.

The Executive Committee decided to consider the question at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Report.

Miss M. Breay, in the absence of Miss Villiers, read the Draft of the Annual Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council in November.

Audited Statement of Accounts.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Audited Statement of Accounts to be presented to the Annual Meeting. She also placed a report of the financial position of the Council before the Committee—as the source of income is so limited—the *per capita* fees amounting to many hundreds of pounds a year, merely passing through the office

for transmission to the headquarters of the I.C.N. in Geneva.

The Committee agreed to summon the Finance Committee to consider the matter and report to the Grand Council.

Date of Annual Meeting.

It was agreed, if possible, to hold the Annual Meeting at the Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Friday, November 27th, but as the Rooms were not available on that date, the Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 25th, at the same address. Tea to be served at 4.30 p.m., meeting 5 p.m. The meeting then terminated.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Members of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain are asked particularly to note that the Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 25th, in the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. The Members of the Grand Council are the President, three Vice-Presidents, six Directors and the Delegates of Affiliated Societies. Tea, by invitation of the President, is at 4.30 p.m., and the Meeting at 5 p.m.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, December 5th, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m. An important item on the agenda is the election of a new Chairman in place of Miss Helen Lamb, Matron of Claybury Mental Hospital, who retires this year.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Wednesday, October 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Miss Ruddy, the President was in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters and messages of regret for non-attendance were received from 19 members.

The resignation of Miss Smith of Bletchingley, who has reconsidered it, was received, and that of Miss King of Abingdon.

Members received with much regret a notice of the death of Miss Grant of the Borough Sanatorium, Brighton, and it was agreed that the Secretary should be asked to send a letter of sympathy to the relatives. Miss Dunkley stated her difficulties with regard to the salaries and wages cut of the Yarmouth Town Council and had the sympathy of all the members. As she said the proposal had not been passed, but was now deferred for a month, it was felt the Association could take no definite step, and it was hoped that other influence might prevail with the Council in the meantime.

Dr. Campbell, of Cow and Gate, Ltd., afterwards gave a most interesting address on Milk and Milk Products. He regretted that owing to unforeseen difficulties with the voltage, it was not possible to show the film.

The President very kindly entertained Members to tea in the Club after the meeting.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the class-room of the Nurses' Home on Saturday, December 5th, at 3 p.m. On the conclusion of the business the meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering in the sitting-rooms.

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