

to warrant a public appeal being made with this object, and the President agreed to present a Report on the question of the International Memorial of Nurses to Miss Florence Nightingale to the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses in Geneva in June, when the Presidents of the National Councils there present could discuss the question, and carry back to their various National Councils the opinions then expressed and some definite decision be arrived at.

VISIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT.

During a visit to this country of Mlle. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses and of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain had had the pleasure of entertaining her as its Guest of Honour at dinner at the Park Lane Hotel, together with Miss B. G. Alexander, President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

In recognition of the importance of her mission to this country as Commissioner for the Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations, the British Government had entertained Mlle. Chaptal at an official Dinner at the Ritz Hotel, presided over by the Home Secretary, the only occasion, so far as we are aware, on which the British Government has honoured a distinguished Nurse by such recognition.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Besides these notable visitors the Council had had the pleasure of visits at Headquarters from Miss M. E. Abram, President of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, Miss E. E. Thomson, President of the American Nurses' Association, Miss May M. Roberts, Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* and other distinguished nurses from overseas.

HOMAGE TO THE MAID OF FRANCE.

In connection with the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Memorial Church of St. Joan of Arc at Rouen, a contribution was sent to this Memorial on behalf of the Council, which was informed by the Hon. Secretary, "the name of your Council will be inscribed in the Golden Book which will be laid on the foundation stone of St. Joan's Memorial Church and afterwards kept in perpetuity in her Church."

REPRESENTATION ON THE N.C.W. EXECUTIVE.

The Executive Committee reported that they had learnt with much pleasure of the election of Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women as she would represent expert Nursing opinion on that Council, and be able to advise it when questions affecting nurses arose.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INSTITUTE OF HONOURABLES.

On the invitation of Colonel Percy W. Weidner, President, and Miss Georgia Bryton, Founder of the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honourables, Los Angeles, California, the President was invited to deposit the Institute's wreath at the base of the Statue of Miss Florence Nightingale in Waterloo Place, S.W., on May 12th, and at the April Meeting of the Executive Committee, Hon. Officers of the Council agreed to accompany her, and the ceremony was effectively carried out.

The Council recorded with deep regret the death of Miss Annie E. Hulme, for years Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, and of Miss Alice Cattell, a member of several of the affiliated Associations and a staunch supporter of the work of the Council.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the following Report, which was read by Miss Musson, which stated that the Finance Committee had met on November 5th

to consider the financial condition of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and to make recommendations, when Miss Breay presented a Statement showing that the annual expenditure exceeded the annual income, and further, that there was no margin for the exercise of National Hospitality, which was one of the objects of the Council.

It was agreed that the *per capita* contribution levied on the affiliated National Councils by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses was so heavy that it was difficult to ask for contributions to the expenses of the National Council of Nurses.

It was agreed to recommend to the Council:—

"That to meet the estimated financial liabilities of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for the period ending September 20th, 1932, the Affiliated Associations be invited to contribute donations of from £1 to £5 before May 1st, 1932. These amounts could be raised, either by individual efforts or by direct contributions from the funds of the Associations." Proposed by Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Bushby.

Miss Musson asked that a table should be drawn up showing the average income and expenditure of the National Council of Nurses for the past five years, and it was agreed that this should be done.

From this it appeared that the average income over this period was £19 14s. 4d., and average expenditure £40 19s. 11d., the adverse balance being defrayed by the proceeds of a bazaar organized by the Council, a gift from the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and from Mrs. Northwood (proceeds of dance).

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended September 30th, 1931.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	29	7	1
„ Affiliation Fees	4	4	0
„ Annual Dues	18	0	0
„ <i>Per capita</i> Contribution of Affiliated Associations to Subscription of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the International Council of Nurses	374	14	3
		£426	5	4
Payments.		£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery	6	2	3
„ Postages	1	14	3
„ Typing	9	2	2
„ Medical Society of London: Expenses of Annual Meeting	3	12	0
„ Cablegram to New Zealand	0	16	8
„ National Council of Women of Great Britain: Subscription	1	1	0
„ St. Joan's Quincentenary Celebrations Appeal: Donation	0	10	0
„ Subscription of National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to International Council of Nurses for 1931	374	0	0
„ Binding of I.C.N.	0	15	0
„ Audit Fee	3	3	0
„ Flowers	0	10	6
„ Hospitality	5	8	10
„ Bank Charges	0	0	3
„ Balance carried forward	19	9	5
		£426	5	4

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account with the Books and Vouchers of the Council, and certify the same to be correct.

H. RENDALL GOTHARD, Auditor,
Chartered Accountant.

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October 31st, 1931.

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