

1. In the Nightingale Training School, and if permissible inaugurate the Foundation at a Public Meeting at St. Thomas's Hospital.

2. To attend the Ceremonies and presentation of Certificates to International Students at Bedford College.

3. To visit the residential Home at 15, Manchester Square, the College of Nursing and the Headquarters of our National Council of Great Britain.

4. To pay a visit of homage to the grave of Florence Nightingale at East Wellow, and by the kind permission of Mr. Crosfield see Embley Park.

5. To entertain them at Dinner to meet persons of official distinction who would be eligible to help form our National and International Committees.

6. To invite our Hon. Officers to form the sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to carry out details, and to act at once.

In presenting her Report the President said she hoped the Committee would approve what their representatives had done and that they had worked earnestly and successfully.

The report was approved and a hearty vote of thanks for the very successful result of the negotiations with the League of Red Cross Societies was passed unanimously.

The suggestion to hold a Nightingale week in London in the first week in July was discussed and the proposal unanimously agreed.

On a proposal from the Chair, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Arthur Stanley for his unfailing sympathy and help in promoting the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE (1) ON NURSING EDUCATION; (2) ON NURSING PRACTICE.

The President reported that a Questionnaire on Nursing Education and Practice had been received from Headquarters of the I.C.N. at Geneva, and that, upon the proposal of Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Rundle, Secretary, College of Nursing, had kindly filled in replies where information was available. With the consent of the Committee, it was directed that the Questionnaire be sent to Miss Reimann and that Miss Rundle be thanked for the very considerable amount of time she had expended on behalf of the Council, in replying to so exhaustive a document.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE ON "INSPECTION OF NURSING EDUCATION AND NURSING CONDITIONS."

A Questionnaire from the International Council of Nurses referred from the Annual Meeting was considered.

Miss Musson stated that although the word "inspection" does not occur in the Nurses Registration Act, and that there was consequently no statutory inspection of Nursing Education, yet the answer must be qualified as a limited number of schools had been inspected by members of the General Nursing Council. It was agreed to reply in this sense.

The Morning Session then terminated.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 TO 4.30.

The very important business on the Agenda for the Afternoon Session related entirely to matters in connection with the International Council of Nurses and Congress, to meet in Paris-Brussels in July, 1933.

All Recommendations agreed were referred for consideration by the Grand Council, and it was unanimously agreed to summon a Special Meeting of the Council to meet on the afternoon of Saturday, May 28th, at which nothing but International Business would be considered.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the Members of the Committee were entertained to tea.

It is earnestly hoped that all Members and Delegates of the Grand Council will make an effort to attend on May 28th.

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, on Saturday, April 30th, by invitation of Miss M. E. Quinlan, F.B.C.N., Matron. Miss J. T. Ruddy, M.B.C.N., President, was in the Chair, and there was a good attendance of members from London and the Provinces.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed. The Annual Report was received and adopted, and a satisfactory financial statement presented, showing a balance in hand of £30 9s. 2d.

The Hon. Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

It was proposed and carried that the President be elected for a period of three years instead of annually as at present.

Resignations of three members were received.

The following Resolutions were proposed and carried:—

1. "That the Act of Parliament giving widows 10/- allowance at 55 be extended to single women who have paid regular contributions to the National Health Insurance."
2. "That they will also have the same benefit extended to them under the Income Tax rate, i.e., £50 allowance for a housekeeper, the same as widows."
3. "To urge all Corporations to adopt a scheme enabling their female staff to retire on superannuation at 55 and to make retirement compulsory at 60."

It was agreed these Resolutions be sent to various women's organisations.

The Meeting then terminated after a vote of thanks to Miss Quinlan, the hostess.

The Meeting was favoured with beautiful weather, and the grounds radiant with spring flowers were greatly admired.

### THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-seventh Quarterly meeting of The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at The Warneford Hospital, Oxford, by kind invitation of Dr. Neill and Miss Richardson, M.B.E., on Saturday, June 4th, 1932.

Lunch 1 p.m. The meeting of the Executive Committee 1.45 p.m.

Tea 3.45 p.m., followed by the general meeting. The afternoon will be spent seeing places of interest in Oxford.

Will members intending to be present kindly let the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Sewart, The Retreat, York, know?

There will be an Address by Dr. Neill, and a report of arrangements for the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Paris-Brussels next year.

### LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting will be held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m., for which the Agenda has been issued. After the business the Meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering in the Grand Hall.

#### ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

The Committee are prepared to offer a Bursary, value £50, to be used for the purpose of Post Graduate Study. Namely:—

- (1) Towards Sister Tutor Course at King's College for Women (1 year). Or—
- (2) Public Health Course (6 months).
- (3) Diploma in Nursing.

Applications, which must be received not later than May 14th, should be addressed to:—Miss Irvin, Hon.

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