

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

The Trained Nurses' Association of India have recently held a most successful Conference at New Delhi, when 53 delegates from all parts of India and a number of visitors from the Nursing Profession were present.

Her Excellency the Countess of Willingdon, wife of the Viceroy, opened the Conference.

Miss Abram, Matron of the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, in her presidential address said that last year had been a year of progress, and referred to the Florence Nightingale Memorial and to "Nightingale Week," which was held in July last in London. The memorial, she said, was to be a living one and not a museum. It would take the form of scholarships in which nurses from all over the world could participate. For this purpose £200,000 was required to form a permanent endowment, which would include 20 annual scholarships. The Scheme provided that every country should form a National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, and hoped that every member of the Trained Nurses' Association of India would co-operate in any effort that was being made, and be able to send in their quota yearly, so that nurses in all parts of India might benefit by the scholarships.

The President next referred to the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Paris-Brussels next July, and to the benefit of an insurance scheme and provident fund for nurses. She wanted such a scheme to come under their Association and be an All-India scheme for nurses.

The announcement was made that the Committee of the Association had received as gifts from different provinces and realised from a sale of work on the previous day the sum of Rs. 2,300 towards the fund for sending Indian delegates to the International Congress of Nurses, which promised to be a most representative gathering of nurses from all over the world, and at which a wide range of nursing matters were to be discussed.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.**"ROYAL NURSES" TO ATTEND THE CONGRESS.**

In reply to the letter from our National Council addressed to Mlle. Chaptal, President, I.C.N., inviting her opinion as to whether the "Royal Nurses" who are the *motif* of the Annual Dinner of the British College of Nurses in May next, could appropriately attend the Ceremony to be held in Paris, on the evening of July 11th, at the Reception of Newly Affiliated National Associations, and if so could she name a "Royal Nurse" for France? Mlle. Chaptal writes as follows:—"At the meeting of the Programme Committee which met yesterday (November 29th) I submitted your very interesting proposal for the presentation of your beautiful 'Royal Nurses.' The audience was very appreciative and it was decided that I should ask you if the beautiful ladies could appear on the platform, on July 11th, at the end of the Meeting, as a sort of 'tableau vivant' that would be shown only when the new National Organisations have been admitted.

For France we have a beautiful example in Blanche de Castille, Queen of France and Mother of St. Louis. She was the nurse of the poor and a model of Christian virtues.

One more suggestion was brought forward; that we ask the different countries to bring their traditional nurse's costume so that a procession of representative nurses could be shown on the platform that same evening for the greatest pleasure of the audience. The advantage of this *défilé* would be to give time for your 'Royal Nurses' to be arranged in a tableau behind a curtain meanwhile. Each country would try to find a representative costume of old times, and in France we could, very probably, be able to show a religious robe from XIth century."

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and fortieth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on November 25th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The following letter from the Ministry of Health was reported:—

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
November 7th, 1932.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of October 14th (MSR.CB) I am directed by the Minister of Health to say that in accordance with Section 5 of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, he approves the proposal of the Council to reduce the fee for re-entering the Preliminary and Final Examinations held by them, at present fixed by the Regulations for the conduct of the examinations at half the examination fee, to a fee of ten shillings and sixpence for each subject in which a candidate is re-examined.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,
MICHAEL HESSELTINE.

THE REGISTRAR,

General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Also the following letter from the British College of Nurses was read by the Chairman:—

The British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, W 1.
2nd November, 1932.

Dear Madam,

At the Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses held on Saturday, October 22nd, 1932, your communication of October 3rd was read and considered.

I was directed to thank you for the same, and to inform you that as there has been some delay in reply to our letter of June 28th, my Council is of opinion that it would be well before replying to the question in your letter, to wait until the new General Nursing Council has been elected. If requested by the new Council to do so, the Council of the British College of Nurses will be pleased to place a short memorandum of the definite subject matter it considers advisable to discuss if a Conference were convened.

I am, yours faithfully,
ALICE STEWART BRYSON,
Secretary.

To Miss M. S. RIDDELL, R.R.C.,

Registrar, The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £50 for postage stamps, £25 for insurance stamps, £10 for petty cash, and £300 for stamps for the Election Ballot Papers allowed.

It was reported that the following Investments were made in accordance with the authority granted at the Council Meeting on October 28th, 1932:—

£5,000 5 per cent. War Stock 1929-47 Inscribed "Assented."

£2,500 3½ per cent. South African Loan, 1953-73.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on November 25th, 1932, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 13;

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