

## THE WORK OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE GRAND COUNCIL, I.C.N.

The Board of Directors held their first Meeting at the Salle Pleyel in Paris on Tuesday, July 4th, and continued their work on the 5th and 6th.

Mlle. Chaptal, President, was in the chair and an immense amount of business was considered and agreed and recommended or not recommended to the Grand Council.

### The Grand Council.

The Seventh Regular Meeting of the Grand Council was held on Friday, July 7th, and Saturday, July 8th, sessions being held both morning and afternoon. Mlle. Chaptal presided and welcomed the Officers and Delegates in a charming speech. The full Reports of the business will be published in the Transactions, at an early date, but in the meanwhile members of the Affiliated National Organisations will be interested in the following results of reports and deliberations:—

### Finance.

Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, gave a most lucid explanation of the financial position of the Council—from which it would appear there is a surplus of income over expenditure, although she was not able to include the cost of the "International Nursing Review" in the Balance Sheet. She announced amidst applause that all past dues owing (with the exception of Germany) would be paid to date.

It will be remembered that both the United States of America and Great Britain had resolutions on the Agenda to discuss the question of fees—owing to the strain incurred by the per capita fee for Associations with thousands of members.

The Grand Council was however strongly averse to any alteration in the basic principle of per capita contributions, which was considered the only method by which every nurse member could subscribe, whether a member of a large or small affiliated Association.

This view is logical as the I.C.N. is international and world-wide—but on the other side of the argument remains the danger of disruption should the countries whose membership is counted in many thousands of subscribers at any time resign.

### Reports of Standing Committees.

#### New Countries Affiliated.

Miss Noyes, Chairman, presented a most extensive report from the Membership Committee, proving how world-wide was the desire of Nurses' National Organisations to enter the International Council—and ultimately the applications of the following countries were approved:—Austria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland and Japan, including Korea, bringing the number of affiliated countries to twenty-nine.

Australia withdrew its application, which is greatly to be regretted, as it is now the only important country in the world with high nursing standards, outside the I.C.N.

#### Election of Hon. Officers.

The election of Hon. Officers took place by ballot, with the following result:—*President*, Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Great Britain.

*First Vice-President*, Miss Clara D. Noyes, United States of America.

*Second Vice-President*, Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., South Africa.

*Treasurer*, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Great Britain.

*Secretary*, Miss C. Reimann, M.A., Denmark.

#### Reports.

Three outstanding Reports were presented by Miss Mary Gardner, U.S.A., on Public Health Nursing, by Mrs. Karin

Neumann-Rahn, of Finland, on Mental Nursing and Hygiene, and Miss Isabel Macdonald on Private Duty Nursing, all of which will be available for study at an early date.

### Florence Nightingale Memorial.

The Draft Scheme for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation presented by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was adopted unanimously, as a basis of future organisation, with the following addendum: "Since the objective of the Memorial to Florence Nightingale is to be educational in nature, especially since it will deal with the education of Nurses, the International Council of Nurses expresses the desire, in the organisation of any permanent foundation, that in all committees, international and national, the nursing profession be granted the majority of the membership."

This recommendation would appear quite feasible, and has during the interim period been in force.

### Appointment of Nomination Committee.

Miss Susan Villiers, J.P., was elected Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

### Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Membership.—Miss Emory, Canada.

Congress Programme.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain.

Nominating.—Miss Susan A. Villiers, J.P., Great Britain.

Revision of Constitution.—Miss Jean I. Gunn, Canada.

Publications.—Miss Mary M. Roberts, United States of America.

Finance.—Miss E. M. Musson, Great Britain.

Education.—Miss Isabel Stewart, United States of America.

Public Health Nursing.—Mrs. S. Salamanca Diaz, Philippine Islands.

Private Duty Nursing.—Miss Isabel Macdonald, Great Britain.

Mental Nursing and Hygiene.—Mrs. Karin Neumann-Rahn, Finland.

Florence Nightingale Memorial.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain.

Committee on Ethics.—Mlle. Chaptal, France.

### Grand Council Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain; Miss A. Lloyd Still, Great Britain; Miss Effie Taylor, United States of America; Miss Jean Gunn, Canada; Sister Bergliot Larsson, Norway.

### Provisional Committee Florence Nightingale Foundation.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss A. Lloyd Still.

### Advisory Committee.

Latin.—Mlle. Hellemans, Belgium.

Oriental.—Mrs. Pon Yen, China.

Slav.—Miss Nicolova, Bulgaria.

America.—Miss C. D. Noyes, U.S.A.

Great Britain and the Dominions and Germanic and Nordic races represented by the Hon. Officers.

### Invitations to Quadrennial Congress in 1937.

Three invitations were received for the next Quadrennial Congress.

1. From the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

2. The Norwegian Nurses' Association.

3. The Philippine Islands Nurses' Association, "to take place at the 'Pearl of the Orient Seas,' Manila."

All these invitations were deeply appreciated and a ballot resulted in the invitation of Great Britain being accepted. Miss Lloyd Still thanked the Council and stated that the International Council would receive a warm welcome in Great Britain in 1937.

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