

Miss K. M. Latham spoke on "Methods of Health Work in Industry."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on "Nurses as Secretarial Officers and Professional Journalists."

Miss M. S. Cochrane took the Chair for "The Preliminary Course."

Miss M. A. Gullan spoke on "The Organization of Preliminary Training Schools for Nurses."

Mrs. Fenwick took the Chair at the Trocadero, for the Reception of "Newly Affiliated National Associations."

Miss I. Macdonald spoke on the "Compulsory State Registration of Nurses," and

Miss E. E. P. MacManus presented the Paper on "Cost Studies of Nursing Service."

Resolutions were adopted after discussions on many of these Papers.

Brussels.

The Congress continued its Sessions in Brussels from July 13th to 15th, when Mlle. Jeanne Hellemans, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses, presided at the first Public Meeting in the Palais des Beaux Arts, with official support of M. Carton de Wiart, Minister of Social Service and Hygiene, and other eminent persons.

Some of the best Papers were presented and discussed in Belgium, notably that on "Principles and Ideals and their application to Nursing Education," by Sœur Pierre, Director of the School of Nursing, University of Louvain.

Miss J. P. Watt spoke on the "Supervision of the Rural Nurse." Miss Ruth Darbyshire championed the Report of *The Lancet* Commission. Miss E. M. Musson took "Superannuation of Pension Schemes" for her subject.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Chairman, presented the Report on Private Duty Nursing.

At the Formal Closing Session, the newly elected President of the I.C.N., Miss Alicia Lloyd Still, was in the Chair, supported by Mlle. Chaptal, who gave the Mot d'Orde "Concord" for the next quadrennial period, Mlle. Hellemans, and His Excellency M. Paul Hymans, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, who presented the Insignia of the Order of Leopold to Mrs. Fenwick and Mlle. Chaptal, from His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

The Great Congress which had brought nurses into personal touch from every quarter of the globe closed with Addresses of Farewell from five continents, Canada, Greece, India, New Zealand and South Africa.

Resolutions Agreed.

The Resolutions agreed were taken as read, as they have already been published and would be included in the full Report to be issued after adoption by the Grand Council N.C.N.

The President emphasised the importance of the Resolution approving the policy of Compulsory Registration of Nurses.

In Conclusion.

In conclusion, in presenting this very brief Report of a very notable Congress, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is to be congratulated on the active part it took in helping to advance its success.

At the Board of Directors, and in the Grand Council Chamber, its constructive policy in the proposed organisation of business and finance, in the promotion of the Historic Pageants, in the standards of Papers presented, in the cementing of friendship with international colleagues, its efforts are to be highly commended.

The President desires to express her personal gratitude for the great courtesy and recognition of her work, extended to her so gracefully both in France and Belgium, she feels sure as the hostess Council in 1937, that no effort will be spared by Great Britain to emulate, and if possible exceed,

the wonderful example of high ethical standards of nursing advocated in France and Belgium.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

President.

The Report was adopted with thanks.

THANKS TO MLE. CHAPTAL AND MLE. HELLEMANS.

It was proposed from the Chair and unanimously agreed that an expression of thanks should be sent to Mlle. Chaptal and Mlle. Hellemans for the enormous amount of work done in connection with the I.C.N. Congress recently held in Paris-Brussels, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

On the proposal of Miss Musson it was moreover agreed that very sincere congratulations be sent to the past President of the I.C.N., Mlle. Chaptal, upon having been promoted to the degree of "Officier" from "Chevalier" in the Order of the Legion of Honour, to which rank very few women are promoted.

This was agreed with acclamation.

THE REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER, OCTOBER 1st, 1932, TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1933.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Breay, presented a Report and Summary of Receipts and Payments from October 1st, 1932, to September 30th, 1933. Miss Breay said:—

In connection with the audited accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1933, it is with pleasure I report as regards finance that this year has been the most alive and successful in the annals of the Council.

Owing to the generous response of the Affiliated Associations to our Appeal for special donations in support of its work, I was able to report last November that we had received in this connection £67 12s., and we began the new financial year on October 1st, 1932, with a balance in hand for the purpose of the Council of £56 12s. 4d. This, in addition to our income from annual fees, affiliation fees, a donation of £5 from the British College of Nurses towards the cost of wreaths of homage placed in Paris and Brussels during the International Congress of Nurses, and of £5 from the Nightingale Fellowship towards Congress expenses, has enabled us to defray our expenses for the year ending September 30th, 1933, and to begin the new Financial Year with a balance in hand for the expenses of the Council of £49 3s. 9d. This, with the estimated amount from annual and affiliation fees, should provide us with a sufficient income to meet our anticipated obligations for the year October 1st, 1933, to September 30th, 1934. Later on, no doubt, the Finance Committee will be invited to make proposals for adequately financing the Council in view of the meeting of the International Congress of Nurses in London in 1937, and the increased expenses we may anticipate, but, for the next twelve months, we may regard our position as financially sound, as, by the kindness of the President, we have no expenses for office accommodation, or for Executive and Committee Meetings, and we have, further, the services of a clerk, a considerable contribution, particularly this year, as the work entailed by the International Congress of Nurses and the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Appeal Fund has been exceptionally heavy.

It is satisfactory to report that every Affiliated Association has paid its Annual Fees to the National Council for the year ending September 30th, as well as its *per capita* fees for the contribution of our National Council to the International Council of Nurses for the year 1933, amounting to £567 13s., so that we may consider ourselves financially in a healthy position.

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