

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Owing to lack of space in our last issue the report of "The International Council of Nurses" business was deferred.

The Chairman (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) introduced Miss Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas's Hospital—who had kindly consented to attend the Meeting and speak on "The Educational Programme of the School of Nursing," prepared by Miss Isabel M. Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Education of the International Council of Nurses, with the assistance of other Committee members, amongst them Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Miss Gullan representing Great Britain.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were read from Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, I.C.N., notifying officially the resignation of Frau Reimann Alter of the office of Elected Secretary and Editor of the "International Review," which she had accepted.

(2) The question of discontinuing the Hon. Secretaryship.

(3) The suspension of the Journal, "The International Nursing Review."

Letters from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg notifying the meeting of the Board of Directors at Geneva, July 10th to 12th, 1935, and enclosing a Preliminary Agenda, and a Report of the work at Headquarters.

In presenting these letters the Chairman reported that the President and Hon. Treasurer, I.C.N., had visited the official Headquarters at Geneva and assisted and advised the Executive Secretary as to the reorganisation of the Office business and finance, for which services the thanks of the Council were due.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman read the following short statement:—

"Those who have studied the Constitution of the International Council of Nurses are aware that Headquarters and a salaried Secretarial staff is organised and financed by per capita subscriptions of the Member Associations.

A Grand Council meets quadrennially and the Board of Directors biennially. The Elected Secretary, a salaried official, has hitherto been one of the five Officers of the Council with voting power.

An official organ, 'The International Nursing Review,' has been issued from Headquarters, the Elected Secretary acting as Editor.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Paris in 1933, more efficient organisation was advocated, with the result that it was agreed to add an Executive Secretary to the permanent staff, and appoint a small Committee to deal with the reorganisation of Headquarters' Office at Geneva. This Committee appointed the Princess Anna Schwarzenberg, an Austrian lady, as Executive Secretary, who prefers to use the title 'Miss' in her official capacity, and she has been actively engaged in the reorganisation of official business, and promoting the welfare of the International Council since May, 1934.

The next Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Headquarters at Geneva, July 10th to 12th, 1935, for which a preliminary Agenda has been issued.

This provides for:—

A Report of the Executive Secretary.

A Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

Reports of Standing Committees (12).

Reports of Special Committees (3) (including a Report from the Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N.).

'International Nursing Review.'

Consideration of Co-operation with International Organisations.

RESOLUTIONS:

(a) Referred from Congress, 1933.

(b) Received from National Council of Nurses of Great Britain—

'That no Report be issued in the name of the International Council of Nurses without submission to the Board of Directors, and, further, that no Questionnaire be sent out without the consent of the President.'

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The following recommendations were considered and it was unanimously agreed that they should be adopted and forwarded to the Executive Secretary to be placed on the Agenda of the Meeting of the Board of Directors at Geneva in July.

(1) That the Office of Elected Secretary be discontinued.

(2) To the Programme Committee of the Congress to be held in London in 1937:

(a) That subjects for discussion be grouped in Sections, Papers strictly limited to time, and Discussion encouraged from the floor;

(b) That Resolutions to be proposed shall appear on the Agenda Paper of the Subjects under discussion.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING.

The next business was to receive the "Educational Programme of the School of Nursing," prepared by the Committee on Education of the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Gullan in the limited time at her disposal then explained the principal aim and conclusions of the Report.

The Educational Programme of the School of Nursing.

Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and the representative for Great Britain on the Committee on Education of the International Council of Nurses, who had kindly attended the meeting by request, then presented a Digest of the Educational Programme of the School of Nursing prepared by Miss Isabel M. Stewart, Professor of Nursing Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, Chairman of the Committee, with the assistance of other committee members. The comprehensive nature of this Committee will be realised when we state that its regular membership includes distinguished nurses in Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Iceland, India, the Irish Free State, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippine Islands, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, the United States of America, and Yugoslavia. It has also corresponding members in Chile, Egypt, Latvia, Lebanon-Syria, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Palestine, Roumania, Siam, and Switzerland.

The contents of "The Educational Programme of the School of Nursing," now published in pamphlet form under the authority of the International Council of Nurses, to be presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting in July next, are arranged under the following heads: Foreword, Some Preliminary Definitions, First Steps in the Building of a Nursing School Programme, Facilities and Conditions Necessary for a Good Nursing School Programme, General Structure of the Nursing School Programme, What should go into the Nursing School Programme? How should these Subjects be taught? How should the Programme be arranged? Testing and Recording the Results of the Programme, Outlines of Theoretical and Practical Instruction, Outlines of Recommended Courses and Appendix—(1) Bibliography, and (2) Records."

In presenting her Digest Miss Gullan emphasised the point that the Report was not intended to incorporate an arbitrary standard, or to be a pattern to be copied, but it

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