

"That a notice of motion be sent to the interim Conference of the I.C.N.; that the dues to the International Council of Nurses be reduced from eight cents to five cents *per capita*."

**LETTERS FROM MISS SCHWARZENBERG,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY I.C.N.**

Letters were reported from Miss Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, I.C.N. :—

(1) On Congress Programme, London, 1937, notifying that suggestions for subjects for discussion should be received at Headquarters by January 15th, 1936.

(2) Inviting Nominations for the following Officers of the International Council of Nurses :—

President.
Treasurer.
First Vice-President.
Second Vice-President.
Third Vice-President or
Elected Secretary.

Nominations for the office of Elected Secretary can be accepted, but it is well to point out that the Board of Directors at their recent Meeting approved the following resolution, which will go before the Grand Council in 1937 :—

"That the Committee on Reorganization supports the recommendation that the office of an elected Secretary should cease, and that an additional Vice-President be appointed."

"Blanks shall be sent out one year prior to the regular meeting of the Grand Council, and must be returned to the Nominating Committee eight months prior to the Meeting of the Council" (July, 1937).

The present Officers are :—

President : Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Great Britain.
Treasurer : Miss E. M. Musson, Great Britain.
First Vice-President : Miss Clara D. Noyes, U.S.A.
Second Vice-President : Miss B. G. Alexander, South Africa.
Elected Secretary : Vacant.

No action was taken by the Committee on Miss Schwarzenberg's letters, the substance of which was referred to the Grand Council, N.C.N., for consideration.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS, I.C.N.

It was agreed to refer to the Hon. Officers for consideration the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the International Council of Nurses, for the suggestion of such Amendments as may appear advisable.

PRELIMINARY ORGANISATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, LONDON, 1937.

The President, as the Chairman of the Congress Arrangements Committee with power to appoint the Committee, announced that in the first instance she proposed to invite the Hon. Officers of the Council to form the nucleus of the Committee, with power to add to its number. She expressed the hope that Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President of the International Council of Nurses, who is an *ex-officio* member of all Committees, would take an active part in the working of the Committee, so that it might be officially and closely associated with the I.C.N. from its inception. This Dame Alicia consented to do. It was agreed that to carry through the organisation of the Congress, work would need to be delegated to sub-committees of those able to give time and expert experience to the sub-divisions.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.

The substance of the Annual Report from the Executive Committee to the Grand Council was submitted by the President and agreed.

The Meeting then terminated.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION

The Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on October 12th, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, at 3 p.m.

Miss M. Drakard, President, was in the chair, supported by Miss J. T. Ruddy, Vice-President, and there was a good attendance; among those present were members from various parts of England.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising Out of the Minutes.

The suggestion that a shorter Resolution be sent to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain concerning the tendency to remove the engagement of Nursing Staff from the Matron's province, was considered, and it was unanimously agreed that for the present this was unnecessary, as the members concerned had been able to have this difficulty removed, and had come to an amicable agreement with their authorities.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses withdrawing the Resolution.

The recent alteration made by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in the Fever Nursing Syllabus of Subjects includes Tuberculosis Training, and makes it compulsory for all Fever Nurses to know this subject, whether the Fever Hospitals have tuberculosis patients or not. This was considered, and a letter stating the following, was sent to the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales :—

"The members of the above Association would like to bring to your notice some observations upon the alteration in the syllabus of subjects in the examination for the certificate of Fever Nursing, in which the words 'Hospitals in which tuberculosis patients are treated' have been deleted.

"As it is quite impossible to give nurses, in a hospital in which no tuberculosis patients are treated, any practical instruction in the treatment of such cases, we do not see how the principle underlying this deletion can be carried into effect.

"As you will realise, theoretical instruction without practical demonstration is of very doubtful value, and under the circumstances it would seem that the deleted words would much better have been retained.

"If it is not too late to have any further alteration made, may we suggest that the matter be reconsidered, and the syllabus left as it was prior to the alteration."

To which the following reply was received :—

"I beg to inform you that your letter of the 7th inst. was placed before the Education and Examination Committee at its last meeting on the 9th October.

"I am directed to inform you that the Minister of Health has recently approved the Syllabus of Subjects for examination for the certificate of fever nursing, in which the subject of Tuberculosis is included among the subjects to be taken by all nurses entering for this examination. The copies of the syllabus are now being circulated to the approved Fever Hospitals. I enclose a copy herewith, and would refer you to page 9.

"You will see that the subject of Tuberculosis is set out in similar manner to the other subjects, such as Puerperal Fever.

"It is the opinion of the Council that all nurses should have a knowledge of this subject as they are likely to meet it in the course of their professional life, and it is hoped that the authorities of the training schools will have no difficulty in giving the necessary instruction in regard to the ground covered by this subject as set out in the syllabus enclosed."

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