

The Report proved that a strenuous task had been thoroughly accomplished, especially in reference to finance.

To this Committee, of which Miss Clara D. Noyes was Chairman, our sincere thanks are due, and there is every hope that for the future, system and economy will be observed in the conduct of business under the direction of the able executive officer, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg.

Reports of Standing Committees were received: (a) Congress Arrangements were discussed and certain decisions taken as to finance; (b) Congress Programme, Miss Gullan, St. Thomas's Hospital, was added to this Committee; (c) Education, "The Educational Programme of the School of Nursing" in pamphlet form, prepared by the Standing Committee on Education, was approved after the elimination of the "List of Leisure Time Activities," which included suggestions for participation in religious exercises.

Several Reports were taken as read—(h) Finance was exhaustively discussed; (j) Under membership it was hoped that the organised nurses of Switzerland, Australia, Italy, Palestine and Chile might be in a position to seek affiliation in 1937.

Membership.

The following resolutions were adopted regarding membership:—

1. After the Membership Committee has carefully studied the qualifications for membership in the International Council of Nurses of a National Association, and is prepared to recommend its acceptance to the Board of Directors, the Association applying should be notified that dues for six months must be paid in advance.

2. An Association for two years in arrears should be notified that unless dues are paid in accordance with regulations, membership in the International Council of Nurses is forfeited.

3. Affiliated Associations when sending dues to the Treasurer must report the number of members as on January 1st of each year.

4. Any National Association, the membership of which has dropped below 50, shall be informed that, until the required membership is reached they may, by the order of the Board of Directors, be permitted an associate national representative.

5. The Membership Committee should study the professional qualifications for admission to the International Council of Nurses, with special attention to the different classes of nurses, and other workers such as those with mental training, care of children, midwives, etc. Furthermore, if a National Association now a member of the International Council of Nurses is receiving different grades or classes of workers, nurses, mental nurses without a nurse's training, midwives without a nurse's training, it will not be eligible for membership in the International Council of Nurses. (The findings of this study will be given consideration by the Board of Directors at the next meeting.)

Your President, as Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N., presented a full Report of the valuable work accomplished by its members since 1933 in many parts of the world, especially in taking the initiative in the formation of National Memorial Committees in connection with the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. She also handed in, as gifts, reports and historical documents to be filed for future reference. Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Goodrich, Miss Alexander and Baroness van Hogendorp were added to the Committee, the status of which it is proposed must be more clearly defined as a Standing Committee in 1937.

Co-operation with International Organisations.

The co-operation of the I.C.N. with the following International Organisations was discussed.

- (a) League of Nations.
- (b) International Labour Office.
- (c) International Hospital Association.
- (d) League of Red Cross Societies.
- (e) International Red Cross Committee.
- (f) Congress International des Travaux d'Hygiene.

Your President, as on former occasions, took exception to any form of co-operation other than friendly amenities with other international bodies as the I.C.N. Constitution provides in its preamble that "We nurses . . . do hereby unite in a federation of Associations of trained nurses . . . the essential idea for which it stands is self-government of nurses in their Associations," and as its policy is strictly non-political and non-sectarian any action which might lead to fusion with unprofessional and political bodies would be out of order and subversive of professional autonomy. Especially is it necessary to emphasise the fact that Nursing is a profession, graduating towards academic status, and not a trade. It was agreed that the extent of co-operation with other international organisations should be left to the discretion of the President and Secretary as provided in the Regulations, it being understood that the I.C.N. would only co-operate with other organisations in so far as their politics do not conflict.

Recommendations to the Committee of Management of the F.N.I.F.

After discussion on various educational points in connection with the curriculum of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, it was agreed that certain Recommendations should be reported by the President to the Education Committee of the Foundation for its consideration.

The following Resolution submitted by the American Nurses' Association was proposed by Miss Susan Francis, its President, and seconded by Miss Jean Gunn, Canada:

"That the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. approve as the ultimate goal of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation the establishment of a faculty for nursing education, in some educational institution of university status."

An extremely interesting discussion took place on this resolution, in which Miss Gunn, Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Goodrich, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Baroness van Hogendorp, Miss Musson, Miss Alexander and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still took part.

The Resolution was carried, three members not voting.

The Resolution proposed by Miss Elnora Thomson in Paris in 1933 "that the existing Florence Nightingale Committee of the I.C.N. should be asked to make a study in all matters involved and set up a comprehensive educational programme . . . and submit a report to member countries in time for action by them in advance of the next I.C.N. Meeting" was on the proposal of Miss Gunn "left in abeyance."

The question of an official organ of the I.C.N. was referred to the Publications Committee. Miss Musson, the Treasurer, having reported that upon investigation the deficit on the account of the *International Nursing Review* from 1931 to 1934 was £1,126 13s. 3d., it is improbable that its publication will be recommended during the present depleted condition of the finances.

The Treasurer's Report, I.C.N.

Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer I.C.N., has supplied the following précis for our information of the Report submitted by her to the Meeting at Geneva.

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