

Miss Musson, Treasurer I.C.N., presented Balance Sheets and Auditors' Reports for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934, together with a detailed Report from herself as Treasurer, of which the following is a Précis:—

Balance 1932 (Dec. 31st)	£2,362	13s.	7d.
Extraordinary Expenditure since that date:—			
GENERAL ACCOUNT—	£	s.	d.
Accountant in Geneva for examining books and starting new account books	9	11	0
Congress 1933. Translations, printing, extra clerical help, travelling expenses of Staff, overtime, &c.	1,157	3	5
Education Committee Report. Translations, Mimeographing, Printing, &c.	165	14	3
Printer. Report of Montreal Congress. Type broken up, Subscriptions refunded so far as known	216	17	2
TOTAL	1,549	5	10
ACCOUNT OF "INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW"—	£	s.	d.
Deficit on years 1931-1934	1,092	11	5
Paid for cliché lost by Editor	1	2	8
Accountant's fees, 1934-1935	32	19	2
	£1,126	13	3

It is possible that a small amount may be deducted from this last sum, when the Review accounts at the Banque Federale and the Post Office in Geneva are finally closed.

A generous gift from the National Association of Nurses of Holland of Swiss Francs 1,024.00 (£70 15s. 6d.) for the Library was reported.

Balance 1934 (Dec. 31st)—			
At Bank—General Fund	67	14	0
Library ,,	70	15	6
Total	£138	9	6

£1,000 was invested after the Paris Conference:—

£500 in Local Loans 3% Stock.

£500 in City of Sheffield 3½% Debentures.

The first of these was sold at the beginning of 1935 to meet current expenses.

Profit on sale was	£46	17	3
Interest received	16	9	5
Total	£63	6	8

International Exchange. The Treasurer pointed out that the high rate of exchange of the Swiss Franc added to the expense of the office in Geneva, especially as in all the countries where the membership of the I.C.N. is large the currency is depressed (U.S.A., Great Britain, Canada, Denmark, Scandinavian Countries). France is the only member country paying over £20 in dues where the exchange with Switzerland is more or less normal. The I.C.N. is therefore paying about Swiss francs 5 for each three expended, or 5s. for every 3s.

Resolutions and Recommendations.

The following Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by our National Council of Nurses were received and approved:

(a) "That no report be issued in the name of the I.C.N. without submission to the Board of Directors, and further that no Questionnaire be sent out without the consent of the President."

It was agreed that automatically this Resolution would go forward to be placed on the Agenda of the Grand Council.

(b) "That the office of Elected Secretary be discontinued." This Resolution was approved for submission to the

Grand Council and was referred to the Revision of Constitution Committee to prepare any alterations or amendments which might be necessary in the event of the Resolution regarding the office of Elected Secretary being accepted by the Grand Council in 1937.

Recommendations.

The following Recommendations to the Programme Committee for 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, and
- (b) That Resolutions to be proposed shall appear on the Agenda Paper of the Subjects under discussion, were approved.

Further Resolutions.

From the American Nurses' Association:—

"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."

This motion will be placed on the Agenda Paper for the Meeting of the Grand Council in July, 1937.

From the Canadian Nurses' Association:—

"Resolved, That the Canadian Nurses' Association stress to the International Council of Nurses, and through them, the women of the world, the urgent need of their united effort to sponsor and to support measures for the promotion of World Peace and control of Armaments."

From the National Federation of Belgian Nurses:—

1. "That the I.C.N. ask for reciprocity for nurses, to work in other countries."

2. "That the financial situation caused by the devaluation of the Belgian franc should be considered. Eight American cents represents an amount which seems excessive as a 'per capita' contribution."

The Board of Directors is to be congratulated upon the courtesy and efficiency with which the business of the Meeting was conducted by the Secretariat, and the general good order at Headquarters.

OBITUARY.

Queen Astrid of the Belgians.

Members of this Council learned with sorrow of the tragic death of Queen Astrid of the Belgians, having so lately come into personal touch with this gracious lady in the Garden of Roses at Laeken.

The President of the International Council of Nurses conveyed the sympathy of the World's Nurses to Mlle. Hellemans, the President of the Federation of Belgian Nurses.

Through the courtesy of Baron Cartier de Marchienne, the Belgian Ambassador, an expression of the sympathy of the Nurses of Great Britain was conveyed to His Majesty The King of the Belgians, to the Belgian Royal Family and to the Belgian People in their grievous loss.

The Tomb of the late Queen is placed in the crypt of the Royal Church at Laeken in touch with the Garden of Roses.

The Right Hon. The Lord Ampthill.

Our profession has also lost an esteemed friend by the death of Lord Ampthill, who guided our Registration Bill through the House of Lords in 1908, and served us further 11 years later by carefully watching the Government Bill through their Lordships' House in 1919. We sincerely deplore his loss.

During the past year several of our colleagues have passed to their rest, after faithful service, for which we owe them gratitude.

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