

The original Recommendation with this addition was then agreed, and the Report of the Hon. Officers on the affiliation of Nurses on the Supplementary Parts of the register as a whole was adopted.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Miss M. I. Hughes, Delegate, presented the following brief report:—

The Annual Conference of the National Council of Women was held in Leicester from Monday, October 14th, to Friday, October 19th. The Dowager Lady Nunburnholme presided at all business meetings, and about 600 delegates and members attended including many from the Dominions, who were very interested in subjects dealing with Child Welfare and Juvenile Courts.

A good Programme of luncheons, visits, receptions and outings was arranged.

The Proceedings commenced with a short service in the Cathedral with an appropriate address by the Provost. The collection which was taken was given to the Leicester Maternity Hospital and amounted to over £20. On two evenings public Lectures were given, speakers including Miss Elisabeth Scott, who designed the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, and Mrs. Raphael on Housing, and Mrs. Walter Elliott and Lt.-Col. Sir Arnold Wilson on Youth and the Land and Youth and the Town.

Many Resolutions were put forward and there was very free discussion. The first, which was proposed by the President, was an Urgency Resolution on Peace.

There were Resolutions on Equal Pay for Men and Women, Women Police and their Duties, a more adequate provision of Nursery Schools, for legislation regulating hours and conditions of work for juveniles, the Abolition of Slavery and for an extension of the statutory school-leaving age.

The Resolutions that more nearly affected the Nursing Profession were those on:—

1. Maternal Mortality and Abortion.
2. Training in Mothercraft.
3. Maternal Health.
4. Accommodation for the aged poor in their own districts suggesting the adaptation of Public Assistance Institutions.
5. Criminal Assaults on Young Girls. This Resolution was adjourned as opinions were very divided and was left to the Council to be considered in connection with the Resolution on Maternal Mortality and Abortion.

There was a great deal of discussion on all these subjects, and full reports will be printed and can be purchased for the sum of 2s. 6d. for those who are interested.

The Chairman thanked Miss Hughes for representing the Council at Leicester and for her report.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES' CONGRESS.

The Chairman reported two letters from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, I.C.N., and read the following Statement:—

At the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Paris, in 1933, the invitation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to meet in London in 1937 was accepted.

All official arrangements are made through the Headquarters' Office at Geneva, but two Standing Committees are responsible—the Congress Programme Committee, for the Programme of the Congress—and the local arrangements for the Meeting are undertaken by the Congress Arrangements Committee.

The Congress Programme Committee is composed as follows: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman; Mlle.

Chaptal, France; Miss Gullan, Great Britain; Mlle. Hellemans, Belgium; Mrs. Pon Yen, China; Miss Venny Snellman, Finland; and Miss Elnora Thomson, U.S.A. The Committee sits in the hostess country.

The Congress Arrangements Committee, of which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is Chairman, as President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, appoints the members of this Committee.

Letters have already been received from Headquarters from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, the Executive Secretary:

1. Inviting suggestions from member bodies, including this Council, for discussion at the Congress, to be sent in by January 15th, 1936. Once the broad outline of Subjects has been agreed incorporating suggestions for Sessions and Round Tables, each member country will be invited to nominate or suggest speakers for the different subjects.

2. On Nominations of Hon. Officers of the I.C.N. for: 1, President; 2, Treasurer; 3, First Vice-President; 4, Second Vice-President; 5, Third Vice-President.

Blanks will 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.

The next Meeting of the Grand Council will be summoned to meet in London in July, 1937. Nominations must be agreed before November, 1936.

These letters from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, will be considered by the Executive Committee. It is suggested that subjects for papers and discussions should be sent to Miss S. Villiers, Hon. Secretary N.C.N., at the earliest possible date.

So that the work may be taken in hand at once, I propose to invite the 12 Hon. Officers of the Council to form the nucleus of the Congress Arrangements Committee, if they will be good enough to act. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President I.C.N., is *ex-officio* a member of all Committees, and will act on the Congress Committee. Those of us who have attended a number of these Congresses realise how onerous will be the work of preparing for the 1937 Meeting, and it would appear wise to refer the preliminary arrangements to the Congress Committee at once, so that sub-committees may be appointed and financial matters considered.

It was agreed at the recent Meeting of the Directors, I.C.N., at Geneva, that the Meeting should not take place before the second week in July, so as not to clash with the Meeting of the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and the distribution of Certificates at Bedford College to the International Students, which usually takes place in the first week of July.

At the Meeting of the I.C.N. in London, held just 25 years ago, a remarkably interesting range of subjects were discussed, they included:—

Education and Registration. The International Standard of Nursing Education. Registration of Nurse Training Schools. Co-operative Training. Scholarships for Nurses. The University Education of the Nurse. The Nurse in Private Practice. A Special Curriculum for Private Nurses. International Bureaux for Nurses. Nursing Economics. School Nursing. The Nurse as Citizen. The Preparation of the Nurse for Administrative Positions and for Social Service. The Nurse among the Poor. The Factory Nurse. Nursing in Prisons. The Place of Massage in Nursing. The Relation of Nursing and Medicine. The Care of the Insane. A Survey of Nursing in Mental Diseases. Professional Organisation. The Duty of the Nurse to Her Profession. The Nurse as Patriot. Morality in Relation to Health. The Need

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