

An account has been authorised and opened at the Midland Bank, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, in the account of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain (No. 3) as "The International Congress of Nurses Fund."

THE OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A letter of appeal for funds was issued on March 27th to the Presidents inviting the co-operation of the Constituent Associations grouped in the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. The letter was taken as read as it had been addressed to all present.

It was reported that very encouraging replies had been received from the majority of Member Associations, and the matter had been referred by others to various committees to meet in the near future.

A list of subscriptions already received was reported, together with promises which amounted to £209 2s. 0d; two sums of £50 were promised in the room.

REPORT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GRAND COUNCIL.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still reported that the meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council could be held in the Cowdray Hall, College of Nursing, and that arrangements for hospitality for Official Delegates could be made at the Cowdray Club, Florence Nightingale International House, and elsewhere in the vicinity.

Dame Alicia stated that she had in hand arrangements for Divine Services it was hoped to arrange to be held on the Sunday in Congress Week, July 18th, 1937. It was feared the date of the Coronation might prevent a Service in Westminster Abbey, if so, it was hoped to substitute St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Service in Westminster Cathedral was assured.

REPORT OF CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS.

On April 3rd, 1936, the Memorandum of an Agreement between the Trustees of the Central Hall and Buildings by their agents, Messrs. Hartley and Hartley, on the one part, and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, for and on behalf of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, W.1, hereinafter called "The Tenant" was signed, a deposit of £50 having been paid on the agreed rental.

The Agreement provides that the whole building will be available for the six days. The Large Hall which holds 2,700 persons being included for three meetings.

The Agreement provides that neither the Large Hall, nor any part of the building, shall be let during the tenancy of the National Council of Nurses.

The building is spacious, providing a large Enquiry Hall for business, two large Lecture Halls, several smaller Halls and rooms for Meetings and Committees, two organs are available; a large restaurant and numerous cloak rooms, corridors for stalls, etc.

REPORT OF SUGGESTIONS FOR CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

The Congress Programme Committee was summoned to meet in London on April 29th, 1936, at 39, Portland Place, W.1.

There attended Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Anna Schwarzenberg.

The Committee met to consider the subjects suggested for discussion by Member Associations, for the Programme of the Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses, July, 1937.

Subjects for discussion were received from Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines,

Poland, and Sweden, and from Associate National Representatives from Luxemburg, Roumania and Switzerland.

Later subjects and names of Speakers were sent by Miss Elnora Thomson from U.S.A.

The suggestions have been tabulated under four Sectional Headings:

- Group I. Nursing Education and Practice.
- Group II. Administration and Organisation.
- Group III. Public Health.
- Group IV. Nursing Problems and their Solution.

It was agreed that Miss Schwarzenberg should communicate with the Presidents of Member Associations and invite the names of Speakers for the Subjects suggested.

The Committee expressed the opinion that at a later date some discrimination would be necessary in the selection of Papers, so that the Programme should not be overloaded as in the past.

It was agreed to wait to hear further from Miss Schwarzenberg when she had received replies to her invitation to nominate speakers from various countries, and it was also approved that eminent men should be invited to address the Congress.

TO RECEIVE OFFERS OF HOSPITALITY TO BE PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

1. It was agreed that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain should hold an Official Reception to meet the Members of the Grand Council on Sunday, July 11th, 1937, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.
2. It was agreed to accept the very kind invitation of Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., to Dinner in the Great Hall, for Members of the Grand Council.
3. It was agreed to accept the very kind invitation of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer, and the Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital to Dinner in the Governors' Hall.
4. It was agreed to accept the delightful invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield to tea in the garden at Embley Park, and to visit the rooms of Miss Florence Nightingale for a hundred official delegates. Invitations from the Royal British Nurses' Association, the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association, the Association of Hospital Matrons, etc., were received with pleasure. Detailed arrangements to be made later. It was agreed that at a later date offers of personal hospitality to Members of Congress would be welcomed.

TO NOMINATE FIRST LIST OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The hope was expressed that Members of the Royal Family would give their patronage to the International Congress of Nurses in London, as had been done by the Heads of Governments in many countries where the Quadrennial Meetings of the International Council of Nurses had been held in the past.

The Chairman proposed that all Presidents of Member Associations should be invited to accept office as Vice-Presidents, and that a limited number of ladies honourably associated with the Nursing Profession should also be invited to accept such office. Certain names were approved, to be added to at a future meeting.

It was hoped that the heads of training schools and Nurses in all ranks working for the uplift of the profession and its usefulness to mankind would give the "International" their help and support and the benefit of their special knowledge in the wide range of interests with which members of the profession came into intimate touch with the community.

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