

**TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATIONS FROM MESSRS. THOS. COOK & SON, LTD.**

A letter was considered from Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son concerning Congress arrangements and the Itineraries in connection therewith. It was agreed that the system adopted in connection with the Paris-Brussels Congress in 1933 should be followed and that Messrs. Cook should be authorised to make arrangements with nurses of Member Organisations upon the production of their Identification Certificates signed by their National Presidents together with the registration fee of 10s.

It was agreed that Messrs. Cook should be supplied at once with the names and addresses of the Secretaries of National Member Associations, so that they may request their local office in each country to get into immediate touch with them, so as to carry out the approved arrangements.

This arrangement to apply to all nurses from foreign countries and British Dominions.

Arrangements for the convenience of members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain are under consideration.

The meeting then terminated.

**THE OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUNDS.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.**

The following contributions in response to the Official Appeal have been received with gratitude:—

	£	s.	d.
Advanced for deposit for rent of Hall ...	50	0	0
The Association of Hospital Matrons ...	50	0	0
The Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League ...	30	0	0
University College Hospital Nurses' League ...	25	0	0
The Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League ...	25	0	0
County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association ...	20	0	0
Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association ...	10	0	0
Liverpool Royal Infirmary Nurses' League ...	10	0	0
Fulham Hospital Nurses' League ...	5	0	0
Miss W. Solomon ...	5	0	0
Miss D. M. Martin ...	5	0	0
National Temperance Hospital Nurses' League ...	3	3	0
Miss E. M. Musson ...	2	2	0
Miss Griggs and Nurses, Mile End Hospital ...	2	0	0
	£242	5	0

**Donations Promised.**

	£	s.	d.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League ...	100	0	0
Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League ...	10	0	0
	£110	0	0

Cheques should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Breay, and enquiries to Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, Congress Arrangements Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AMBULANCE PLANE.**

The first British flying hospital has been named "Florence Nightingale" by Mrs. Mollison at Hanworth air park. A large crowd, including a party of nurses, inspected the aeroplane.

The machine is a low-wing, twin-engine monoplane, painted white with large red crosses. It represents a complete field dressing station and contains full medical nursing equipment, blood transfusion apparatus, an oxygen tent, and aluminium stretcher frames.

The cabin has been designed solely for ambulance work.

**THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.**

**THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.**

**Annual Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at High Grove Sanatorium, East Grinstead, on Saturday, May 23rd, at 2.30 p.m. On reaching East Grinstead Station, conveyances awaited the members, who were, on arrival at the Hospital, most cordially welcomed by Miss J. T. Ruddy in the administration quarters.

The first item on the programme was a tour of the Hospital, which has accommodation for 32 beds, comprising four blocks, separated by green spaces and shrubs and situated in a beautiful spot in grounds commanding views of many miles of glorious Sussex scenery.

In the wards a very up-to-date cook-and-heat stove was greatly admired, also the charming white Royal Staffordshire china in use for patients, and Miss Ruddy explained that it did not chip or crack, would boil, and was therefore economical, a consignment purchased thirteen years ago was only now being replaced.

The meeting, most successfully arranged, was held in the very pretty building of the Women's Institute, which was reached in a minute's walk from the entrance gates of the Hospital.

Miss M. Drakard (President) was in the chair. Miss B. West (Hon. Secretary), presented the Report.

In submitting the Treasurer's Report, the Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, reported a balance in hand of £23 0s. 1d., which included in the year's expenses a donation of £5 to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

**Appointment of Officers.**

It was agreed that Miss H. McLoughlin, Matron, Infectious Diseases Hospital, East Ham, be appointed President in place of Miss M. Drakard. Miss J. T. Ruddy was re-appointed Vice-President. The Hon. Secretary, Miss B. West, and Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Treasurer, were re-elected.

A subject discussed was the new Rule recommended by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in which Sister Tutors may be excluded as lecturers and examiners in the training of probationers. It was unanimously agreed to send a Resolution from the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association to the Minister of Health, pointing out that to deprive the Sister Tutors of taking part as lecturers and examiners in the training of probationers was not calculated to attract the best type of nurse to the profession, and to urge that those holding the higher qualification of Diploma of Sister Tutor be permitted to continue to take part as teachers and examiners.

A letter received from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain asking for financial support in connection with the International Council of Nurses' Congress to be held in London in July, 1937, was read, and, after some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a donation of £10 be sent.

At the close of the meeting, very warm votes of thanks were accorded to Miss M. Drakard for her valuable services as President of the Association during the past three years, and to Miss West for her enthusiastic work as Hon. Secretary.

After the meeting, most delicious tea and ices were served in the staff quarters, when the members were joined by the Medical Superintendent, Dr. R. Sydney Davidson.

The party was then driven to the new Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, East Grinstead, where it was most kindly welcomed by the Matron, Miss L. Garlett, who con-

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