

CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE I.C.N.

The third meeting of the Congress Arrangements Committee of the International Council of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on September 23rd, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and there were present Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., who as President of the International Council of Nurses, has an *ex-officio* seat on all Standing Committees, and the following members of the Committee: Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss E. Brodie, Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss N. Farrant, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Miss D. S. Coode, Miss M. M. Craig, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss M. A. Gullan, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Before the beginning of the business the Chairman notified that with the concurrence of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, International Council of Nurses, she had invited Miss M. A. Gullan to take a seat on the Congress Arrangements Committee, as Miss Gullan with Dame Alicia and herself were the elected members of the Programme Committee, I.C.N., resident in Great Britain, and the work of the two Committees was interdependent.

Correspondence.

The Chairman notified that she had received a letter from Mlle d'Airoles, President, International Council of Catholic Associations of Nurses, which intends to hold a Congress in London, in July, 1937, in the preceding week to that of the Congress of the International Council of Nurses, and expressing its desire for collaboration between the two organisations.

At the request of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still she had seen Mrs. Glanville, Vice-President for England of the Catholic Nurses' Association, and explained to her that all members of that Association would be eligible to attend the Congress of the I.C.N., provided they were members of the National Associations of Nurses in their own countries, affiliated to the I.C.N. and paid the Registration Fee, to which they would be welcomed, but that there could be no question of a conjoint ticket admitting to both Congresses. It was agreed that Mlle. d'Airoles should be officially informed of the position.

The Chairman reported a request from the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association that Mental Nursing should be given a place on the Programme of the International Congress, and said that she had informed the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association that Mental Nursing was already on the Programme as a subject to be discussed at the forthcoming Congress.

A letter from Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Hon. Secretary, Guild of Hospital Librarians, asking if it would be possible and advisable to have a Session on Hospital Libraries during the Congress. The Chairman stated that at the meeting of the Guild in Paris in May last it was decided that the Guild take on an International character, and should henceforth be known as the International Guild of Hospital Librarians. As the Guild was not a nursing organisation, and the Congress Programme was already sufficiently full, it was agreed that a session could not be allotted to a discussion on Hospital Libraries.

The Chairman reported correspondence with Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., in reference to the travel and other arrangements for members of National Councils of Nurses

who desire to attend the Congress, and as arranged, Messrs. Thos. Cook had been put into touch, through Headquarters in Geneva, with the Presidents of Member Associations throughout the world, who would provide the Identification Certificates necessary for registration as Congress Members. Such an arrangement was simple as regards members of National Councils overseas.

The issue of Registration Tickets in Great Britain and Northern Ireland had not yet been definitely decided. After some discussion, it was agreed that Registration Tickets should be obtainable, upon presentation of Identification Certificates, at the Headquarters of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, from the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, from the College of Nursing, and with consent at the office of the Scottish Nurses' Association, Glasgow, by nurses who prefer to make private arrangements. That all arrangements relating to travel and booking of rooms should be made through Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, upon presentation of Identification Certificates, by those nurses who need such assistance.

Letters of a business character were read and considered.

Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N., then presented the following Report:—

OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

At the Meeting of the Executive Committee, N.C.N., held on February 7th, 1936, the question of finance in relation to the organisation of the International Congress of Nurses in London in July, 1937, was considered, and it was agreed to refer details to the Congress Arrangements Committee.

At a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee of the Congress Arrangements Committee held on February 28th, 1936, it was unanimously agreed that an Official Appeal inviting financial support towards the expense of organising the Congress should be issued to the Presidents of the Constituent Associations of the National Council, and that the Appeal should be signed by the three *ex-officio* officers of the Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Breay and Miss S. A. Villiers, and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss E. M. Musson, and Miss Isabel Macdonald, who together form the Finance Committee.

A separate account of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain (No. 3) was opened with the Midland Bank, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, entitled "The International Congress of Nurses Fund," and a letter of Appeal issued, as directed, by the Congress Finance Committee met with a generous response.

The Finance Committee aims at raising a sum of not less than £1,000.

So far in response to the Appeal we have received—

	£	s.	d.
Donations from Affiliated Associations	...	512	3 0
Personal Donations	...	41	8 0
Donations promised	...	190	0 0

Making a total of £743 11 0

A detailed list of donations was read.

The Treasurer reported that 16 of the Official Associations had not yet intimated their intentions concerning the Appeal, but that as many are not holding their Annual Meetings until the autumn, there was good reason to hope, therefore, that the balance of the £1,000 asked for will be forthcoming.

Since the opening of the Congress account in March, 1936, expenditure has amounted to £60 12s, including £50 Deposit as charge for hire of the Central Hall, Westminster, in which to hold the Congress—so that the work which had so far been voluntary had only cost £10 12s. The Report was adopted.

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