

The Agenda for Meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council of the I.C.N. will be arranged through the Headquarters Office at Geneva by the Hon. Officers and Executive Secretary, and should be presented as soon as possible for insertion on the Programme. These arrangements include the summoning of Meetings for the consideration of routine and special business, election of Hon. Officers, and consideration of invitations for the Quadrennial Congress due to be held in 1941.

It was agreed that the Report be received.

Discussion.

A limited number of Government Ministers were added to the list of Patrons, whom it was hoped would recognise the value of skilled nursing in the body politic.

Letters were considered from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, reporting replies so far received from the Member Associations overseas in regard to the Programme.

The Draft Programme.

The Draft Programme was presented by the Chairman and considered in detail.

(a) The organisation of the Opening Meeting to take place in the Great Hall, Central Hall, Westminster, Monday, July 19th. Organ Recital, 10.30 a.m. The Chair to be taken by Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., President, I.C.N., at 11 a.m., supported by the Hon. Officers of the International Council, Presidents of Member Associations and Patrons and Vice-Presidents.

Presentation of bouquets.

Address of Welcome by the President; Speeches by Official Patrons.

Reports from the Grand Council, I.C.N., and Member Associations.

Opening of the Congress.

Opening of Congress, 2.30 p.m. Four Sessions of the Congress to be held simultaneously in the four Sections: 1. Nursing Education. 2. The Nursing Profession, Organisation and Administration. 3. Public Health. 4. Some Nursing Problems.

(b) Organisation of Social Meeting. Wednesday, July 21st. It was agreed that this Meeting to be held in the Great Hall, should be as gay as possible—a military band—National Anthems; Welcome of new Member Associations; Presentation of National Presidents and welcome of Delegates. It was agreed to invite Sir George Newman, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., late Chief Medical Officer to the Board of Education, and late Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, to honour the Nursing Profession and the Congress, by delivering the first Oration in honour of Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M.

The Farewell Meeting.

It was agreed that the Farewell Meeting be held on the afternoon of Saturday, July 24th, in the Great Hall. The President in the Chair will deliver the "Watchword" for the coming quadrennial period and present the newly-elected President. Farewell speeches to be given by representatives from five Continents.

Draft Programme of Congress.

Copies of the Draft Programme were handed round, and it was considered together with a letter from Miss Schwarzenberg, reporting replies to date of invitations sent to Member Associations to nominate Chairs and Speakers.

A report was received of the subjects for discussion, allocated so far to Great Britain, which had been accepted. Expert speakers would be invited to present Papers and open Discussions at an early date.

The Association of Queen's Superintendents having requested to take part in a Session, it had been invited to do so in the Section dealing with "The Organisation of Community Health Work" in the Session "The Organisa-

tion of Visiting Nurses Urban and Rural." The Association proposed to present three Papers: (1) "The Work of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing." Speaker, Miss J. P. Watt; (2) "The Work of Queen's Nurses." Speaker, Miss Colburn; (3) "The Queen's Nurse as Midwife and Health Visitor." Speaker, Miss Mitchell.

The titles and subject of the three Papers were approved. As it was customary at an international gathering to avoid a too national character at any one session, the Chair would be taken by a nurse from overseas.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick would take the Chair at the session for the discussion of "The Nurse Journalist—her Educational Curriculum and Ethical Standards."

Other suggestions were approved.

Sub-Committees.

RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY CENTRAL HALL.

The Chairman explained that the Reception and Hospitality Sub-Committees would need much personal work. Also that a Central Hall Committee would need the help throughout the Congress week of Lady Stewards able to attend daily from 8.30 a.m. to see to decorations, music, supervise Scouts and Guides, etc., and the Rest Room and Restaurant; volunteers for this work would be welcomed.

Nomination of Vice-Presidents.

It was reported that with two exceptions, the Presidents of Member Associations and other prominent Nurses had accepted office as Vice-Presidents of the Congress. It was agreed to extend the list so as to arouse a wide circle of professional interest.

Congress Tickets and Poster.

It was agreed to issue the Congress Registration Tickets, price 10s., after the New Year and thus prevent congestion as far as possible. A small poster was approved and will be issued, inviting Matrons and Superintendents of Nursing Schools and Institutions to have copies displayed, so that the forthcoming Congress may be brought to the notice of nurses throughout the United Kingdom as soon as possible.

The Meeting which assembled at 2.30 terminated its deliberations at 7 p.m.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE MURDER OF JEWISH NURSES AT JAFFA.

We published last month the copy of a telegram received by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, from the Jewish Nurses' Association at Jerusalem, begging the Council to express to the British Government their protest against the murder of two of their colleagues.

The following letter has now been received from the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, the telegram of the Jewish Nurses' Association having been transmitted from the Foreign Office, to which it was addressed in the first instance, to the Colonial Office.

Letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Downing Street,
9th September, 1936.

MADAM,—With reference to your letter of the 19th August addressed to the Foreign Office forwarding a copy of a telegram from the Palestine Jewish Nurses' Association, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to inform you that the High Commissioner for Palestine reported by telegram on the 18th August that on the evening of the 17th August in the Ajami quarter of Jaffa two Jewish nurses of the Jaffa Government Hospital were shot at close range from an automatic pistol and mortally wounded.

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