

for members of the Public Health Section of the Congress to visit the Hospital Department at Holloway Prison, where there was a staff of State Registered Nurses, for which permission would have to be obtained from the Home Secretary beforehand.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM MISS ANNA SCHWARZENBERG,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, I.C.N.**

The Committee considered the nomination of Hon. Officers of the I.C.N. to be elected in July, 1937.

President.—The Committee agreed to support the nominee of the country where the Congress would be held in 1941.

Treasurer.—Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

First Vice-President.—Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C. (South Africa).

Second Vice-President.—Miss Bergljot Larsson (Norway).

STANDING COMMITTEES NOMINATIONS.

The Committee made the following nominations :—

Publications Committee—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Nominating Committee—

Miss S. A. Villiers.

Education Committee—

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C.

Public Health Committee—

Miss G. Le Geyt.

Private Duty Committee—

Miss I. Macdonald.

Ethics of Nursing Committee—

Miss H. Dey, R.R.C.

Constitution and Bye-Laws Committee—

Miss M. Breay.

Finance Committee—

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

Florence Nightingale Committee—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

**NOMINATIONS OF OUR DELEGATES TO SERVE ON THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF THE I.C.N.**

The Committee made the following nominations :—

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C.

Miss Isabel Macdonald.

Miss A. M. Bushby.

Miss S. A. Villiers.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE I.C.N.

The Committee agreed to send forward certain amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the I.C.N. for confirmation by the Annual Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.

The Draft Annual Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting on November 18th was then considered, and it was agreed that it should be presented to the Annual Meeting. The Meeting then terminated.

LEISURE.

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare,
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep and cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like stars at night
No time to turn at Beauty's glance
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her lips began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

WILLIAM H. DAVIES (1870)

From "Public Health Nursing."

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

**THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS'
ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER.**

The members of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association are to be congratulated on the success of their First Annual Dinner, held at the May Fair Hotel on October 14th.

The guests were received in the Reception Room by the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, Matron, The Infectious Diseases Hospital, East Ham, who carried a bouquet of beautiful pink carnations. The guests included Dr. W. J. O'Donovan, O.B.E., M.D., ex-M.P. for Stepney, Mile End; Dr. Malcolm Barker, Medical Officer of Health, East Ham, and Mrs. Barker; Dr. J. Landon, Medical Superintendent, East Ham Infectious Diseases' Hospital; Dr. James Crawford, Medical Superintendent, Hart's Sanatorium, Woodford Green; and Miss G. M. Bulman, Matron, Royal Free Hospital; and of the members who were welcomed, some had travelled from as far as the North of England.

All adjourned to the Garden Room for dinner, where tables were tastefully decorated with flowers and friendly concourse prevailed.

The President, on rising, expressed her very great regret that Miss S. A. Villiers, the first President of the Association, was unable to join them, and a guest who they had very much hoped would be with them—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. She had sent a message expressing her pleasure that the Association had so honoured her, but that owing to the press of work which the International Congress of Nurses involved for her, she felt it impossible to accept this kind invitation. The President further stated that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the pioneer of State Registration for Nurses, had been the Leader of the Nursing Profession for the last 50 years, and had given much help and encouragement to the Association since its inception, for which they were very grateful, and her presence they would have greatly honoured, could she have been present with them on this occasion.

The Toast Master "prayed silence" for the Toasts.

The Toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by the President.

Then followed the Toast to the Association, proposed by Miss Mabel Wright, S.R.N., Croix-de-Guerre and Star, Medal of Honour, Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Biggleswade. Miss Wright, in an interesting résumé of the Association's activities, alluded in her speech to the Founders of the Association—Miss S. A. Villiers, Miss M. Drakard, Miss A. S. Bryson, and Miss Dorothea Webb, the first Secretary. Miss Wright said that through the Association, the opportunity of meeting to discuss difficulties peculiar to their work as Matrons of Fever Hospitals and Sanatoria was of the greatest value in their efforts to bring their hospitals up to the best possible standard. That being affiliated with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, they were all united in the one object, the betterment of the Nursing Profession, to which they were all proud to belong.

In concluding, Miss Wright paid a warm tribute to the work of the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. M. West, Miss J. T. Ruddy, Vice-President, and to the President, Miss McLoughlin.

Dr. W. J. O'Donovan, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P., supporting the Toast, said that what he thinks of Matrons cannot be put into words! He understands that they take Mothers' "plain Janes," teach them to do their hair neatly, put them into a smart uniform, and the girl who could not marry the curate, marries the doctor. "When we have a

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