

mary Nurses' League; Matron, The Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Miss G. Le Geyt, S.R.N., S.C.M. Cert., St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Superintendent Health Visitor, Public Health Department, Bethnal Green; Delegate, The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

Miss M. Reynolds, S.R.N. Cert., The London Hospital, E.; Cert., Florence Nightingale International Foundation; Late Area Organiser, The College of Nursing; Delegate, The London Hospital League of Nurses.

Miss D. M. Dickinson, S.R.N., S.C.M. Cert., Charing Cross Hospital; Cert., Florence Nightingale International Foundation, with distinction in every course; Post-Graduate Administrative Course, Birmingham General Hospital; Delegate, The British College of Nurses.

Miss A. M. Milligan, R.R.C., S.R.N. Cert., The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Delegate, The Scottish Matrons' Association.

During the counting of the votes in an adjoining room, the Council adjourned for Tea.

#### The Result of the Ballot.

Eighty-five papers were handed in.

The scrutineers presented the result of the ballot, which was declared from the Chair as follows:—

- Miss G. Le Geyt—45 votes.
- Miss M. F. Hughes—43 votes.
- Miss D. M. Dickinson—38 votes.
- Miss M. Reynolds—32 votes.
- Miss A. M. Milligan—5 votes.

The Chairman welcomed the two new Directors, and in congratulating Miss G. Le Geyt referred to her valuable Public Health work both in connection with the National and International Councils of Nurses, and presented her with a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Le Geyt returned thanks for her election to the Council.

In congratulating Miss Hughes, the Chairman referred to the pioneer and excellent work done for so many years in support of the International Council of Nurses by the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, inspired in its pioneer days by its founder, Miss Gertrude Rogers. She presented Miss Hughes with a bouquet of flowers and welcomed her as an Hon. Officer of the National Council. Miss Hughes returned thanks for her election to the Council.

#### Election of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman announced that Miss M. Breay and Miss S. A. Villiers had been nominated and returned unopposed for the positions of Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, respectively, and invited members present to move that their nominations should be confirmed. It was proposed and seconded that these nominations be confirmed, and the Chairman then put their names to the meeting for election as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. Miss M. Breay and Miss S. A. Villiers were unanimously elected as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

##### THE CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Congress Arrangements Committee submits the following short Report:—

The Committee has met three times and accomplished the following business:

1. The Central Hall, Westminster, has been hired for the week from Monday, July 19th to Saturday, July 24th, 1937, at the inclusive cost of £423. The accommodation is extensive, the large Hall holding nearly 3,000 persons is available for the Opening Meeting on July 19th, the Social Meeting on July 21st, and the Farewell Meeting on Saturday, July 24th.

Four Halls are available for meetings; it is therefore proposed to hold four meetings simultaneously, under the

four Sections agreed by the Programme Committee: 1. Nursing Education. 2. The Nursing Profession, Organisation and Administration. 3. Public Health. 4. Some Nursing Problems.

The organisation of the daily routine at the Central Hall will need careful organisation, and at least 20 lady stewards will be required to attend daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to see to general routine, preparations of platforms, decorations, etc., supervision of Rest Room and Restaurant, boy scouts and girl guides, and music, and literature; these ladies to wear special Badges of Office.

#### Hospitality.

Offers of hospitality are of a very generous nature. So far as the official members of the Board of Directors and Grand Council are concerned, the Ceremony of Welcome will take place at 39, Portland Place, on Sunday, 11th July, the Hon. Officers of the National Council and Vice-Presidents acting as hostesses.

Dinners, lunches, evening entertainments have all been accepted, and Friday, July 16th, has been reserved for a visit of homage to the Grave of Miss Nightingale at East Wellow, and a visit and tea at Embley Park.

At an early date a draft programme of hospitality will be issued.

The Congress Committee have entered into arrangements with Thomas Cook & Son for transport for overseas delegates, issue of Congress Registration tickets.

Congress tickets will be on sale in Great Britain after the New Year, so as to save congestion.

What is now needed are offers of individual help in the Hospitality Sub-Committee, to meet and welcome delegates from overseas, to act as Lady Stewards at the Central Hall, and to undertake other duties of a somewhat irksome nature, from January onwards a great amount of personal service will be required.

#### REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The Programme Committee, which was elected at Brussels in 1933, is now engaged in a very difficult task. Every Member Association, I.C.N., has been invited to suggest subjects for discussion under the four sections: 1. Nursing Education. 2. The Nursing Profession, Organisation and Administration. 3. Public Health. 4. Some Nursing Problems.

Our National Council offered a number of suggestions and when the replies from the majority of countries had been received, the Programme Committee met, and is now actively attempting to place them on the programme—no easy matter.

This programme is still in draft form, but at a meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday next, and during next week, when Miss Schwarzenberg will be in London, it is hoped to make progress with its organisation.

So far, Great Britain has undertaken to preside at the large public meetings, when we hope for the support of eminent persons interested in the evolution of Health, Education, and Social Service.

The President, I.C.N., will take the Chair at the opening of Congress, and give the Address of Welcome, she will also pronounce the Watchword at the Farewell meeting on July 24th.

Your National President hopes to preside at the meeting on Wednesday, July 21st.

Miss E. M. Musson will take the Chair at the opening session of Congress on Nursing Education, on July 19th, and several subjects both as speakers and openers of discussion are allotted to Great Britain. A whole Session is being allotted for the discussion of "The Progress of Mental Nursing" and also to "The Organisation of Visiting Nursing, Urban and Rural," with demonstrations

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