

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

In a short report of the work at Headquarters, Miss Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, states that replies have been received from most of the Affiliated Associations and National Representatives forwarding suggestions for subjects to be discussed at the Quadrennial Congress in London in 1937. These suggestions will be considered by the Programme Committee, and speakers invited from many countries. The difficulty will be to find time in one week to discuss all the subjects notified as appropriate. As for "Problems," they are numberless.

Nominating Committee.

Blank Nomination Forms have been circulated, and nominations are being received for the Officers to be elected in 1937. This subject will be considered by the Executive Committee of our National Council at the April Meeting.

Education Committee.

The Report of the Education Committee, "The Educational Programme of the School of Nursing," which was approved by the Board of Directors with certain small alterations, has been in steady demand, in English, French and German; it has met a real need, and has received many favourable comments. An index has been prepared at Headquarters, and mimeographed copies are now supplied with each Report. Copies will gladly be sent to those who bought the Report before the index was made, if they will write for them and notify in which language they are required.

Public Health Nursing Committee.

On the resignation of Mrs. Salamanca Diaz as Chairman of the Public Health Nursing Committee, on the President's invitation Miss Elizabeth Larsen, of Denmark, has consented to serve.

Committee on Health Statistics.

The second questionnaire on Health Statistics has been circulated, in a revised and much simpler form, to almost 1,000 representative Schools of Nursing, and already many replies have been received. The co-operation of the National Associations has been sought in collecting this information, which should be of great value in the study of the health of the student and graduate nurses.

"The International Nursing Review."

In December, the consent of the President, Treasurer and Chairman of the Publications Committee was obtained to resume publication of *The International Nursing Review*, provided that it could be maintained without undue expense. It was agreed that on principle *The Review* should be financed by subscribers, and not out of the funds of the Council. It is to appear regularly as a quarterly in February, May, August and November, at the price of eight Swiss francs per annum.

Congresses.

At the First Balkan Congress on Child Welfare, under the auspices of the Save the Children International Union, to be held in Athens in April, the Council will be represented by Miss Chryssaki, President of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Greece.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Guild of Hospital Librarians will be held in Paris from May 8th to May 11th, and it is particularly hoped that nurses will attend.

Changes on the Board of Directors.

Miss J. Bicknell, A.R.R.C., of Wellington, has replaced Mrs. Kidd, the retiring President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses Association. Mlle. Marthe Damman,

Infirmiere en chef, Centre Medico-Social de Jette, Brussels, has replaced Mlle. Hellemans as President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

On Tour.

Miss Schwarzenberg has started on a tour of the Balkans, Syria and Palestine, which she hopes will be of some value as there are many nursing problems to discuss in these countries. Personal contact is, without doubt, the best method of cementing understanding and friendship.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN:

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Friday, February 7th, 1936, at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., and Miss Isabel Macdonald, Vice-Presidents; Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Miss F. M. Campbell and Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Directors; Miss A. M. Baillie, R.R.C., President, The Bristol Royal Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President, League of Fever Nurses; Miss D. S. Coode, President, College of Nursing; Miss E. Dodds, President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss M. G. Allbutt, President, Fulham Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Dorothy Smith, President, Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, The Prince of Wales General Hospital Nurses' League; Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., President, League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss M. B. Salton, President, Nurses' League of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Miss Mercy Wilmshurst, President, Association of Queen's Superintendents; Miss M. E. Craven, President, West London Hospital Nurses' League; Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., President, Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss E. Cockeram, President, General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League.

The Minutes were read by the Hon. Secretary and confirmed and signed by the President.

ADDRESSES OF CONDOLENCE.

The whole Council standing, the President presented the Loyal Addresses of Condolence to His Majesty King Edward VIII and to Her Majesty Queen Mary on the lamented death of King George V.

These scrolls, engrossed by hand on vellum parchment in dignified lettering (based on Roman characters) in gold, purple and black, and tied with purple ribbon, were much admired and approved, and it was agreed they should be conveyed to the King and to Queen Mary through the official source.

Letters of Sympathy.

The President reported letters of sympathy to the Council on the death of His Majesty King George V, from the International Council of Nurses from Headquarters at Geneva, from Baroness L. van Hogendorp, President, Nationale Bond Van Verplegenden of Holland, and a cable signed by Miss Susan C. Francis, R.N., President of the American Nurses' Association, for which sympathy warm thanks and sincere appreciation had been sent.

Correspondence.

Regrets for inability to attend the meeting had been received from Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Bannon, London County Council; Miss Mary Jones,

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