

Liverpool; Miss Norah Farrant; Miss Husband, Glasgow; Miss W. Bowling, Sheffield; Miss M. F. Hughes, Leicester; Miss R. Darbyshire; Miss Monie, Paisley; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Charing Cross Hospital; and Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., London Hospital.

Nomination of Delegates.

Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League—Miss B. M. B. Haughton, Miss E. M. Thompson, and Miss E. M. Hopkins.
Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League—Miss Gertrude Smith and Mrs. Duncuff.

Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League—Miss Janet B. Myles in place of Miss N. Bridge and Miss Florence Hand in place of Miss Margaret B. Vickers, deceased.

Renomination of Delegate.

The British College of Nurses—Miss Emily J. Haswell, Liverpool.

The Nominations were approved.

The following letter has been sent to the Hon. Officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to the Hon. Treasurers of the Affiliated Associations, Heads of Training Schools and others who have shown an interest in Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day.

Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, 1936.

DEAR MADAM,—You will remember that in November, 1934, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain agreed at the Annual Meeting that "the birth of Florence Nightingale is pre-eminently an event for rejoicing and thanksgiving and should be so observed," that "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day" be instituted, and honoured on her birthday, May 12th.

It was agreed further that the Associations affiliated in our National Council of Nurses, the Heads of Nurse Training Schools, of the Nursing Services, of Nursing Associations and Institutions and their Nursing Staffs, should be invited to celebrate annually May 12th in such a manner as seems appropriate to them, and invite a silver collection for the Scholarships and Endowment Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has, during the last four years, awarded six scholarships of £250 each, and contributed £50 to the maintenance fund of Florence Nightingale International House.

In many instances a collection in churches and chapels at a service on or near May 12th was the method selected in 1935, and produced satisfactory results.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know whether you are willing to co-operate with the National Council of Nurses in organising this Appeal again this year by inviting voluntary contributions from nurses, or by raising a contribution by a scheme which may appeal to you through the Association or League of which you are President, or from the members of your Nursing Staff.

Such contributions when collected should be forwarded to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N., at the above address.

I am,

Yours sincerely,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

Short Report on Formation of International Congress Arrangements Committee.

The President reported that as Chairman of the Congress Arrangements Committee she had invited the Hon. Officers of the Council together with Miss M. S. Cochrane, past Vice-President, Miss R. Cox-Davies, past Director and Miss D. S. Coode, President, The College of Nursing, to act on the Committee. These ladies had kindly consented to do so. The Committee had met once on January 10th, and

agreed that if possible the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses should be held from July 12th to 17th and the Quadrennial Congress from July 19th to 24th. It was agreed that if possible the Business Meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Grand Council should be held in the Hall of the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, W., and the Meetings of the Congress if terms could be arranged at the Central Hall, Westminster, where the large Hall would hold 3,000 people, and where there was space for simultaneous meetings, and for business—and a large restaurant. It was agreed that the Opening Reception should be held by the National Council of Nurses on Sunday, July 11th, at 39, Portland Place, and that Dame Alicia Lloyd Still should communicate with Church authorities—in the hope that a Service might be held in Westminster Abbey, and in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday, July 18th.

The question of Finance was considered, as the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, acting as the hostess country, would be responsible for the major expenses of the Congress. The registration fee as agreed by the Board of Directors was fixed at 10s. It was reported that a Finance Sub-Committee has been appointed composed of the President and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still *ex officio*, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N., Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, I.C.N., and Miss Isabel Macdonald.

Discussion.

After some discussion it was agreed to refer details to the Congress Arrangements Committee and it was proposed by Miss Helen Dey and seconded by Miss Isabel Macdonald, and carried unanimously that the Central Hall, Westminster, should be booked from the 19th to 24th, July, 1937, inclusive, a protective clause to be incorporated in the agreement.

The President reported that she had together with Miss Villiers, Hon. Secretary, interviewed two representatives of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, the Travel Agents selected by the Board of Directors in 1935, and read the letter subsequently received from them which stated that Messrs. Cook & Son would be willing to collect the Registration Fees from members of the Congress when they obtained their tickets, without deduction, a plan inaugurated in connection with the Paris-Brussels Congress in 1933 with satisfactory results, as it greatly relieved the congestion arising where fees were paid on arrival by Congress members. On the proposition of Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Bushby, the arrangements with Messrs. Cook & Son were referred to the Congress Arrangements Committee.

Subjects for Discussion at the Congress.

A letter was read from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, I.C.N., inviting suggestions for the Congress Programme.

The suggestions sent in by request from members of the affiliated Associations, together with suggestions handed in by members present were notified. The President asked that any further suggestions might be received by the Hon. Secretary within the ensuing week, when they would be tabulated in Sections and sent to Miss Schwarzenberg for the consideration of the Congress Programme Committee, which according to the Constitution would be summoned to meet in London.

Applications for Scholarships, Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

It was reported that up to date six application forms for the F.N.I.F. Scholarship offered by the Council had been applied for.

Many nurses who would greatly value the Courses felt unable to apply owing to restricted personal incomes. They could not afford to relinquish posts and emoluments. The Meeting then terminated.

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