

The Committee desired that an expression of its pleasure should be sent to the President, Miss Edith Smith, on the admission of The Westminster Hospital Nurses' League to the National Council of Nurses.

REPORT FROM THE SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman then presented the following Report from the Scholarships Selection Committee:

SELECTION OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLAR, 1937-1938.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, April 14th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, to interview candidates making application for the Florence Nightingale International Scholarship financed by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss E. M. Musson, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Several members regretted inability to attend.

The President presented the Financial Report and stated that owing to the generosity of the Affiliated Associations of the National Council of Nurses for the International Congress of Nurses' Fund, no special Appeal was being made in connection with Florence Nightingale Day this year, but we had invested £249 15s. in National War Savings Certificates, we had on deposit £300 5s. and in the current account £33 17s. 2d., making £334 2s. 2d., so that the £250 for the Scholar 1937-1938 was secure.

In response to the notice regarding the Scholarship, 31 enquiries were received and information sent to applicants. Only three applications were eventually completed, and of these applicants Miss Mary Carpenter, trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, apparently an excellent candidate, had withdrawn at the last moment.

The two candidates who came up for an interview with the Committee were Miss Freda H. M. Chapman, S.R.N., trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Charge Nurse, Maternity Department, and Acting Sister District, St. Thomas's Hospital, a State Certified Midwife, and Miss Olive F. Griffith, S.R.N., Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, King's College Hospital, London, the Maudsley Hospital, London, a State Certified Midwife, holding the position of Administrative Sister at the Claybury Hospital, Woodford Bridge.

Miss Chapman was interviewed by the Committee, and

expressed the wish, if elected, to take the Course in Public Health Nursing.

Miss Griffith was interviewed, and stated that she desired, if elected, to take the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing; she expressed herself interested in mental nursing, and desired to see the training of nurses in this branch improved.

On a ballot being taken Miss Griffith was unanimously elected.

She was then recalled, and informed of the decision of the Committee. She expressed her thanks and her desire to do her utmost to reflect credit on the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, as its elected scholar, in the event of her election being confirmed by the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

The Committee wished Miss Griffith a successful year's study, and congratulated her upon her selection as a Florence Nightingale International Student.

This Report is respectfully submitted.

The Report was adopted.

THE CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Chairman presented the following Report:

The Congress Arrangements Committee held its first Meeting on January 10th, 1936, since which time it has met five times, and transacted a great amount of business, much of which has been reported in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Miss M. F. Hughes, Miss G. Le Geyt, elected Hon. Officers, and Miss M. A. Gullan have been added to the Congress Arrangements Committee.

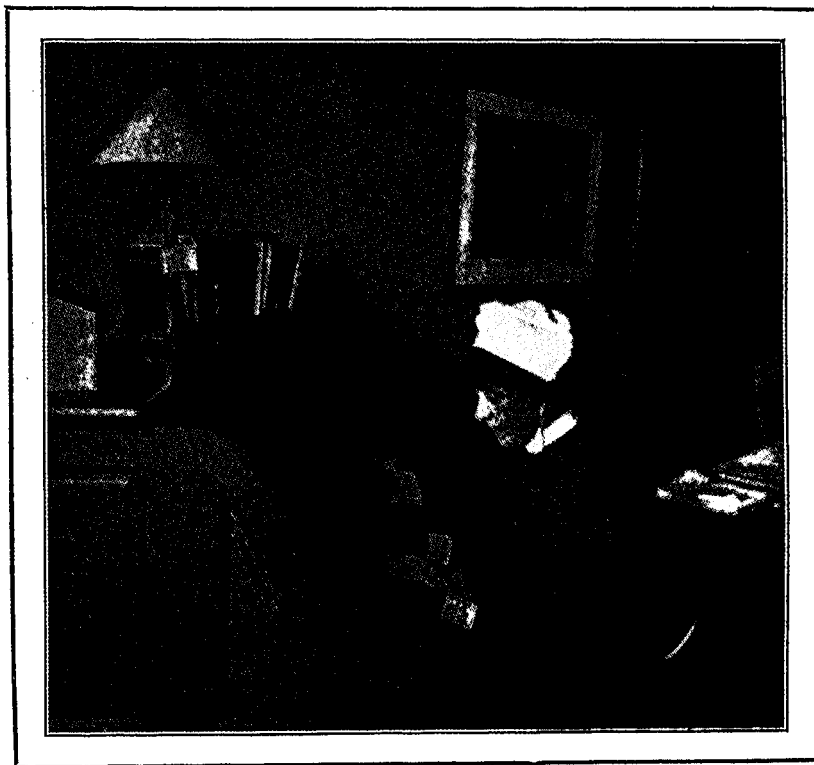
In response to the official appeal for Congress Funds, our affiliated Associations have responded with great

generosity; we asked for £1,000, we have received to date £1,159 9s. 6d., which entitles us to hope that with the sale of Congress Tickets, our National Council may be able to finance the Congress, including hospitality to the Members of the Board of Directors, without any appeal for public support.

Our commitments are considerable; in addition to the rent of £423 of the Central Hall, Westminster, we contemplate an expenditure in connection with the Hall, the provision of accommodation, decorations, furnishing of Rest Room, arrangements in connection with the Restaurant, service, etc., at not less than another £200.

In addition, the publication of 3,000 Programmes, Badges, Stationery, Printing, Stamps, and incidental expenses will absorb several hundred pounds.

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MISS EDITH SMITH, R.R.C., S.R.N.

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