

College of Nurses, has been at the disposal of the Congress Committee free of rent, and there the secretarial work has been carried on from the appointment of the Committee.

Miss M. Edwards, by permission of the President, was seconded from Geneva, and worked most efficiently for nine weeks. Unfortunately the illness and absence from Headquarters at Geneva of Miss Schwarzenberg, the Executive Secretary, necessitated the return of Miss Edwards to Geneva. Miss Maude Angel, with expert knowledge of the work of our National Council of Nurses and international details, and literary experience in the office of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, has been appointed to replace Miss Edwards, as *pro tem.* Secretary of the Congress Committee.

Miss M. A. Gullan has most kindly placed her invaluable services at the disposal of the Congress Committee, of which she is an elected member. Miss Gullan attends almost daily at the office, and has to date sent out all Congress Tickets as applied for; 194 through Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, and 500 in Great Britain, for which £347 has been paid.

Three Sub-Committees have been appointed: (1) Reception and Hospitality. (2) Entertainments. (3) Central Hall, Westminster, Committee.

Miss Gullan is recruiting 60 Lady Stewards to help organise the arrangements in the Halls, etc.

SOCIAL FIXTURES.

Lavish hospitality has been offered to the Members of the Grand Council, I.C.N., which have already been announced.

THE CONGRESS.

As announced, the Congress will open on Sunday, July 18th, with Religious Services at St. Paul's Cathedral and at Westminster Cathedral.

The Congress opens at 10 a.m. at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Monday, July 19th, and will be opened by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal; the Mayor of Westminster will offer the Congress a Civic Welcome, and many members of the Royal Family and other eminent persons have become Patrons, and many will attend the Opening Meeting.

ROYAL RECOGNITION.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Her Majesty Queen Mary have graciously notified that they will receive the Members of the Grand Council on July 20th at Buckingham Palace.

It had been agreed that should this Reception be arranged in Congress hours, proxies should be appointed at the time.

His Majesty The King has graciously permitted a Reception of 1,000 delegates at the House of Lords by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl of Ancaster.

The Lord Mayor of London will receive 1,500 members of the Congress at the Guildhall at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24th, which historic function will terminate the Congress.

MEETINGS IN THE GREAT HALL.

The three large Meetings which will take place in the Great Hall, Central Hall, Westminster, are Conjoint Meetings of the International Council of Nurses and the members of Congress.

The business in conjunction with these Meetings will be published in the Official Programme.

The Report was adopted.

Miss Helen Dey notified the Council that two thousand tickets of invitation would be issued for the Reception by the Lord and Lady Mayoress at the Guildhall, instead of fifteen hundred as previously arranged.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still made further announcements concerning Patrons of the Congress.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENTS.

The Chairman read the following Report concerning the Congress Programme:

THE CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

The Chairman of the Programme Committee reported that the Committee had been summoned, but had been unable to meet owing to residence at a distance.

As Chair of the Committee on Programme, of which Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Miss Gullan are members, it was arranged that the active organisation should be carried out by a Sub-Committee in London. Miss Schwarzenberg attended several committees, and later invited member countries to suggest subjects for discussion and to nominate Chairs and Speakers.

The preparation of the Programme had been a very difficult task owing to distance, and length taken in replying to invitations.

A Preliminary Programme was published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in March, but its preparation for the press was engaging many hours of work, and would not be completed for several weeks, as it is to be printed in English, French and German. The Chairman, together with Miss Gullan and Miss Angel, were preparing the matter for press.

THE REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, read the following Report:

I have the honour to report that since the beginning of the financial year October 1st, 1936, when the balance in hand was £30 8s. 6d., we have received in Annual Fees £11 15s. 0d., in *per capita* fees £134 7s 8d., an affiliation fee of £1 1s. 0d., and a donation of £5 from the Nightingale Fellowship, a total of £182 12s. 2d.

In the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund we have invested £249 15s. 0d. in War Savings Certificates, we have on deposit £300 5s. 0d., and in the current account £34 17s. 2d.

We are making no Appeal for the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund this year, as, owing to the generosity of members in the Associations affiliated in the National Council, and others, we have sufficient money to finance the Scholarship this year without touching our invested fund, and still have as shown above a balance in hand.

In response to our Appeal for the International Congress of Nurses Fund, to meet the estimated expenses incurred in financing the coming Congress, the nurses have generously contributed £1,159 19s. 6d., so that we can face our expenses with equanimity though all that we receive can be usefully expended.

The Report was adopted.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

After an interval for tea, the Committee reassembled to consider International Affairs.

The Report of a Study of the Facilities for Advanced Nursing Education in London, both Professional and Academic, and of the future Educational Policy of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

The Chairman reported that she had invited Miss Musson, their delegate, together with Miss Cochrane, on the Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, to give a short *résumé* of the Study of the Facilities for Advanced Nursing Education in London, submitted by a Special Committee. The Hon. Officers had received copies, but the Report was still marked "Private and Confidential."

Miss Musson gave a lucid short *résumé* of the Report, but no action was taken by the Committee, who as a whole had had no opportunity to study it.

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