

Miss Breay pointed out that this satisfactory balance had been largely attained by the most careful expenditure in all directions, especially in the cost of secretarial work.

Thanks were due to Miss Maude Angel, the Acting Secretary, who had kept the accounts accurately in preparation for audit.

The report was adopted.

Reception and Hospitality Committee.

Miss A. M. Bushby presented a report of the Reception and Hospitality Committee, showing its great usefulness and success. Miss Gullan in a brief statement reported on the excellent services of the Lady Stewards and Guides on duty at the Central Hall during the Congress Week, and said these gracious services did much towards the comfort and happiness of visitors. They all enjoyed their work, and a message of thanks had reached all the Lady Stewards and Guides since the Congress.

Votes of Thanks.

Votes of thanks were passed to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President I.C.N., to Miss D. S. Coode and Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss Digby-Pigott, to Miss M. A. Gullan, to the members of the Nursing Staff of the Westminster Hospital, who attended in the Rest Room, to Mr. William Berridge and his expert staff for the excellent production of the Congress programme, and to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Congress Arrangements Committee.

A full report of the work of the Committee would be presented to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses summoned to meet on Friday, October 29th, which would terminate its activities.

The meeting then terminated with mutual expressions of satisfaction.

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., on Friday, October 29th, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Vice Presidents; Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., and Miss G. Le Geyt, Directors; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President, Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League; Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C., President, College of Nursing; Miss H. McLoughlin, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., President, Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas's Hospital; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Elizabeth Dodds, President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association; Miss Dorothy M. Smith, President, Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League; Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., President, League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss M. G. Allbutt, President, Bond of Tenders in the House of the Sick (Fulham Hospital Nurses' League); Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President, League of Fever Nurses; Miss Edith Smith, R.R.C., President, Westminster Hospital Nurses' League; and Miss A. M. Bushby, by invitation.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss S. A.

Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Regrets for inability to attend were received from Miss M. Steele, Miss E. Cockeram, Miss A. E. Merry, Miss M. F. Hughes, Miss I. R. Taylor, Miss G. Simms, Miss M. Husband and Miss E. E. Monie.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter of Thanks from the International Council of Nurses.

The Chairman read the following letter from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses:

HEADQUARTERS:
51a, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.
28th July, 1937.

The President,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain,
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

It is my pleasant duty to convey to you the formal expression of the appreciation of the Congress.

At the General Session which closed the Congress, the following Resolution was carried unanimously:

"Whereas the 1937 Congress of the International Council of Nurses, assembled in London, has been characterised by breadth of vision, by an unusual oneness of purpose, and by the spirit of harmony which prevailed among those in attendance, and

"Whereas its programme was organised and developed around the education of the nurse in preparation for the service she may render to humanity, and

"Whereas with a full realisation of the meticulous planning and execution necessary to the consummation of a successful Congress; and

"Whereas no effort has been spared to throw open to those in attendance at the Congress those rich opportunities for entertainment to be found only in a country such as this, therefore, be it Resolved, That we extend our expressions of gratitude;

"To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and to her associates, committees, and sub-committees, in particular Miss Gullan, Miss Breay, and Miss Angel, for the most interesting and stimulating programme which was prepared, for the perfection of the arrangements for the Congress, and for the use of the offices of the British College of Nurses for carrying on the work in preparation for the Congress;

"To the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for hospitality during the Congress, and to Members of the Board of Directors at the Cowdray Club."

May I ask that you will kindly convey this expression of gratitude to those included in it?

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) ANNA SCHWARZENBERG,
Executive Secretary.

This communication was received with pleasure.

"THE DRAFT CHARTER FOR THE NURSING PROFESSION."

The Chairman reported the receipt of a copy of "The Draft Charter for the Nursing Profession," received from the Trades Union Congress General Council. She reported that she had by request sent to the Secretary a copy of the Constitution of the National Council, and had pointed out the representative nature of the National Council for dealing with nursing interests.

It was decided that no action be taken in the matter at present, and that advice should be given on the subject if asked for.

HISTORY OF NURSING SOCIETY.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lucy Seymer, stating that at the close of the I.C.N. Congress, a group of those Nurses

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)