

CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE I.C.N.

The fourth meeting of the Congress Arrangements Committee of the International Council of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on January 20th, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Committee, presided, and there were present Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary of the Congress Arrangements Committee, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. S. Coode, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. M. Craig, Miss H. Dey, R.R.C., Miss N. Farrant, Miss M. A. Gullan, Miss M. Hughes, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss I. Macdonald, Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss E. Brodie and Miss M. Husband.

Before beginning the business the Chairman notified that she had invited Miss M. F. Hughes and Miss G. Le Geyt, who had been elected Directors of the National Council of Nurses, to take seats on the Congress Arrangements Committee. Both ladies had consented to act.

Correspondence.

The Chairman referred to the request made to Sir George Newman to deliver the first Florence Nightingale Oration on July 21st. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still reported that there were grounds for hope that he might do so, but that no definite information was available as yet.

The Chairman reported the replies received since the last meeting, to invitations to act as Vice-Presidents of the Congress. It was suggested that the following should also be invited: Dame Joanna Cruickshank, Dame Rosalind Paget, Dame Elizabeth Oram and Miss Stewart, of the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

The Chairman read a list of Cabinet Ministers, Treasurers of the Royal hospitals, and distinguished medical men who had been invited by the President to act as Patrons and to attend the opening Meeting. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still reported that Sir Arthur Stanley had accepted the invitation and that Lord Dawson of Penn and Lord Horder had consented to become Patrons. It was agreed that invitations be sent also to Lord Nuffield, Treasurer of Guy's, and to Dr. Bedford Fenwick. A letter from Miss Helen Dey, referring to the invitation of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London to a Reception at the Guildhall, was read. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Dey for her action in the matter was proposed and carried.

The Chairman referred to the absence through illness of Miss Breay, Hon. Treasurer, and read the following statement:—

The Congress Fund.

It is with sincere gratitude that I have to report that the £1,000 for which we made an official appeal in March, 1936 has now been fully subscribed, almost entirely by members of our National Council of Nurses, whose generosity will enable us to finance the Congress without any appeal outside professional ranks.

Hon. Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, I beg to report that since the last Meeting we have received the following

donations and promises towards the Congress Appeal Fund:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League	10	10	0			
The League of Fever Nurses	5	0	0			
The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association	26	5	0			
The League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses	15	0	0			
The League of Sister Tutors Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League	3	3	0			
Past and Present Nurses' League St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington	15	15	0			
Miss D. B. Greig, U.S.A.	25	0	0			
Miss M. Davies, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Cardiff	2	0	0			
Miss F. M. Campbell, Matron, South Eastern Hospital	2	0	0			
Irish Matrons' Association	5	5	0			
King's College Hospital Nurses' League	9	9	0			
Miss Marion E. Sutcliffe	25	0	0			
Mrs. E. Wates	3	3	0			
Miss Cox-Davies	10	0				
	5	0	0			
				153	2	0

Promises—

The College of Nursing	100	0	0			
The Sister Tutor's Section The College of Nursing	10	0	0			
				110	0	0
Donations acknowledged at last Meeting				553	11	0
Promises acknowledged at last Meeting				190	0	0
Total				£1,006	13	0

Expenditure—

Audit Fee	1	1	0			
Typing	2	0	6			
Stationery and Postage	4	0	0			
Clerical help, November and December	4	0	0			
				11	1	6
Expenditure reported to last Meeting, including £50 deposit on rent for the Central Hall, Westminster				60	12	2
				£71	13	8
Balance	£934	19	4.			

Report of the Finance Sub-Committee.

A Meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee of the Congress Arrangements Committee was held on Friday, December 18th, 1936, at 4 p.m., at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Present: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss E. M. Musson.

Apologies for absence from: Miss S. A. Villiers, Miss M. Breay, Miss I. Macdonald.

In the absence of Miss Breay, Miss Gullan acted as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported the result of the Official Appeal for Congress Funds. These, as audited in September, amounted to £595 6s., with promises of £290. An additional £77 14s. had been received since the audit, making a total of £673.

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