

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, has issued an explanatory letter to the Presidents of the affiliated National Associations, together with a copy of the balance sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1937, and the auditor's report. In spite of the transfer of the office from Geneva and its establishment in this country, and that the year under review was the year of the Quadrennial Congress, the bank balance was higher at the end than at the beginning of the financial year, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board of Directors the Treasurer has invested £500 to take the place of the £500 which she was obliged to sell out when settling the accounts in 1934. This money has been invested in Australian 3 per cent. 1955-58 Stock, a security which is easily negotiated in this country.

The deficit on account of the *International Nursing Review* to be paid out of the general fund amounted to £86 8s. 11d., which is less than the sum allowed in the budget for possible loss. The cost of printing it was £473 6s. 1d. and subscriptions amounted to £386 17s. 2d. With further effort it is hoped the *Review* will become self-supporting.

The Treasurer informs the Directors with pleasure that permission has at last been granted to the Nurses' Association of Germany to transfer to this country the money which has been accumulating in their bank for a considerable period, and the sum of £458 5s. 5d. has been received from the Association. It will be a cause of gratification to all members, as well as to our German colleagues, that this matter has at last been satisfactorily concluded, and our thanks are due to Frau Oberin Blunck and her colleagues and to Miss Schwarzenberg for their efforts in attaining this satisfactory result.

The audited accounts are presented in detail. The receipts amounted to £5,412 12s. 2½d. from various sources. The annual dues paid were £3,467 1s. 5d., the principal items of expenditure being salaries, £1,623 3s. 6d.; the *International Nursing Review*, £473 6s. 1d.; printing and publications, £495 15s.; removal from Geneva, £164 6s. 7d., which appears a very small sum for this purpose. The auditor has expressed the opinion that the accounts had been extremely well kept. It is hoped that the total expenses now the office has been transferred to London will not be greatly increased.

Those of us who remember July 1st, 1899, when the International Council of Nurses was founded in London, realise what a force for good it may become throughout the wide world.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETING OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 6th, 1938, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 3 p.m., to consider correspondence in relation to the Florence Nightingale International Scholarship, 1938-39, financed by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President presented the list of donations from affiliated Associations amounting to £260 2s., so that the £250 for the scholar was secure.

It was proposed by the President and agreed, that as the amount subscribed exceeded the sum required, an allow-

ance up to £4 be made to the selected scholar to help with the purchase of books necessary for her studies.

In response to the notices regarding the Scholarship, 14 enquiries were received and information sent to applicants. Only three Application Forms were eventually completed.

It was agreed to summon the Advisory Committee on Tuesday, July 12th, to interview and select the student.

SELECTION OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLAR, 1938-1939.

At a meeting of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee held on July 12th, at 39, Portland Place, W., Miss Mildred Ellerker, S.R.N., was unanimously selected as the National Council Florence Nightingale Scholar for 1938-1939. Miss Ellerker was trained at the Bradford Royal Infirmary, where she gained a Certificate of Merit, and now holds the position of Assistant Home Sister in charge of the Preliminary Training School. She also holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, is a Registered Fever Nurse, and has completed a course in Hospital Housekeeping. Miss Ellerker hopes to attend the Public Health Nursing Course at Bedford College.

THE CONFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Conference Sub-Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Friday, July 8th, 1938, at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss H. McLoughlin, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss B. Monk.

The Meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements concerning the financing of the Conference of members to be held in November; to consider a suitable place in which the Conference could be held; and to consider the suggestions for discussion sent in by affiliated organisations.

The President placed before the Committee particulars of accommodation at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, and the Friends' House in Euston Road.

It was agreed that the Caxton Hall would be a most suitable place for the Conference, that the Great Hall and the York Hall might be taken for the morning and afternoon sessions, and the Great Hall for a Special Evening Session, at which it was agreed to invite a Lecturer of eminence to deliver an address upon some subject of outstanding interest to be agreed later.

It was agreed that the cost of the Conference would amount to about £100; that affiliated Associations be asked to subscribe at least £1 each, and that tickets for attending the Conference be priced at 2s. 6d. each.

It was agreed that enquiries be made concerning dates in the early part of November next available at Caxton Hall, and that the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council be arranged to take place the day prior to the Conference.

Subjects submitted for discussion at the Conference by 18 affiliated Associations were then considered, and it was agreed to arrange them under the headings of "Economics," "Hospital Administration and Education," "Care of the Sick Outside Hospitals," and "Public Health." A session to be given to each subject, two sessions to run concurrently.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, July 19th, at 2.30 p.m., to give consideration to further details in connection with the Conference.

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