

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMEN.

Consideration was then given to the nomination of Chairmen, Speakers, and Openers of Discussion of the Sessions. It was agreed that the Conference be opened by the President, and that she be invited to take the Chair for the Special Evening Session, at which an Address of special interest would be delivered by some eminent person. It was agreed to invite the following ladies to preside:—

Hospital Administration.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., President, The Matrons' Council of Great Britain.

Education and Training of the Nurse.—Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., President, The Association of Hospital Matrons.

The Nursing Care of the Sick Outside Hospitals.—Miss I. Macdonald, President, The League of Private Nurses.

The Nursing of the Chronic Sick.—Miss B. M. Monk, President of the College of Nursing.

Organised System of Professional Propaganda. To be further considered.

A few Speakers were nominated. Miss G. V. Hillyers, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, was invited and consented to present the paper on the Education and Training of the Nurse.

It was further agreed to send in at an early date further suggestions for Speakers and Openers of Discussions.

The Committee will not meet again until early in September. In the meanwhile members of the National Council who intend to attend the Conference on November 10th will be able to take tickets after September 15th, price 2s. 6d., and it is to be hoped that this date will be reserved for the purpose.

It is realised throughout the nursing world that the present unrest can only be efficiently dealt with by the combined efforts of its members of all ranks, and that it is the duty of nurses to spare no effort to help forward efficient organisation and good government. Reforms must come after careful consideration from inside and not by ill-considered pressure from without.

NURSING SERVICES INQUIRY REPORT.

The Minister of Health in a written answer to a question in the House of Commons, stated that the Inter-Departmental Committee on the Nursing Services hoped to make an interim report before the end of the year.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

WORKING FOR CIVILISATION.

Miss Euphemia S. Innes, R.R.C., D.N., the official delegate appointed to represent the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at the Golden Jubilee Conference of the International Council of Women, held in Edinburgh, July 11th to 21st, has sent a remarkably interesting Report to Headquarters, which we hope she will present to the Executive Committee in October.

Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon, an understanding friend of our profession, thought the numbers of women grouped in the I.C.W. must be 42,000,000, and said "we shall continue to work for civilisation."

Baroness Pal Boel, of Belgium, was re-elected President of the Council. Some day let us hope the inspired founder of this world wide Council of Women, the late Mrs. May Wright Sewell, of Indianapolis, U.S.A., will receive due recognition for her beneficent inspiration.

Miss B. G. Alexander writes from Johannesburg:—

"I feel sure it will interest you to know that the 'Florence Nightingale Brick' which you very kindly presented to the South African Trained Nurses' Association is to be built into the Chapel which is to be erected at the new hospital at Groote Schuur, Cape Town. As far as I know there is only one provincial hospital in South Africa with a chapel, and that is at Kimberley, and its existence is possibly due to

the influence of Sister Henrietta.

"The Brick was brought to our biennial meeting, which was held at Port Elizabeth this month, and I had the honour of handing it over to the Matron of the Cape Town hospital to be placed in the new Chapel, plans of which were laid on the table at the meeting.

"An official report will be sent to you about this as soon as possible.

"With very kind regards, etc."

We still have carefully locked away quite a number of Bricks from the *very last load* being removed from 10, South Street, the former home of Miss Nightingale, and hope at an early date to apportion them to international centres around the world where her name is known and revered.



Miss Euphemia Steele Innes, R.R.C., D.N., Delegate of The National Council of Nurses to the Golden Jubilee Conference.

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