

## CONFERENCE ON NURSING.

It was agreed at the Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on May 4th, that a Conference to discuss matters of importance to the Nursing Profession should be organised.

A Sub-Committee was elected to organise the Conference.

It was agreed to engage the Caxton Hall, Westminster, for three Sessions on Thursday, November 10th, 1938. Meetings to be held simultaneously Morning and Afternoon in the Great Hall and in the York Hall for Conference purposes; a Lecture to be delivered at 8 p.m., with film, in the Great Hall.

## THE PROGRAMME.

The following Programme has been arranged so far:—

## THE NURSING CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 10th, 1938.

## Morning Session, 10.30 a.m.

## GREAT HALL.

The Conference will be opened by the President.

*Hospital Administration.*—Its economic aspects in relation to: Housing of staff—Hostels—The option of trained staff to live out—The 48-hour week and the 96-hour fortnight—Ratio of nurses to patients.

Salaries, superannuation, interchangeability of pension schemes.

*Chair.*—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., S.R.N.

*Speaker.*—Miss E. Cockayne, S.R.N.

*Opener of Discussion.*—Miss I. Stewart, R.G.N.

## Morning Session, 10.30 a.m.

## YORK HALL.

*The Nursing Care of the Sick Outside Hospitals.*—Private Nurses—Visiting Nurses—District Nurses—Nursing Co-operations—Nursing Homes, Inspection by State Registered Nurses. Legislation.

*Chair.*—Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N.

*Speaker.*—Miss M. G. Milne, S.R.N.

*Opener of Discussion.*—Miss M. Wenden, S.R.N.

## Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m.

## GREAT HALL.

*Education and Training of the Nurse.*—Its adjustment to modern requirements.

Recruitment.

Age on entry and "the interim period."

Central Preliminary Training Schools.

A more comprehensive general training.

The value of the State Examination.

*Chair.*—Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.

*Speakers.*—Miss G. V. Hillyers, S.R.N. and Miss A. E. Merry, S.R.N.

*Opener of Discussion.*—Miss R. B. Darroch, S.R.N.

## Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m.

## YORK HALL.

*Nursing of the Chronic Sick, of the Aged and Infirm.*—A defined status and supervision of the "Assistant Nurse."

*Chair.*—Miss B. M. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.

*Speaker.*—Miss M. M. Ingman, S.R.N.

*Opener of Discussion.*—Miss D. S. Coode, S.R.N.

*Organised System of Professional Propaganda.*

*Speaker.*—Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., S.R.N.

*Opener of Discussion.*—Miss G. Le Geyt, S.R.N.

## Evening Session, 8 p.m.

Address on "Insulin Therapy in Mental Disorders," with film, by Dr. G. W. B. James, M.C., B.S., D.P.M.

## FINANCE.

So far the expenses of the Conference have amounted to £44 11s. 6d.

It was then proposed by Miss M. F. Hughes, seconded by Miss I. Macdonald and agreed that the Conference be thrown open to all trained members of the Nursing Profession.

The Chairman reported the request from Miss Daisy Bridges that the International Students be allowed to attend the Conference. It was unanimously agreed that the students be invited, and the Chairman notified her willingness to present the students with tickets. It was also agreed that Miss Anna Schwarzenberg and Miss Nan Dorsey be invited to attend.

## REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Audited Statement of Accounts, which showed a balance in each of the three accounts.

It was unanimously agreed that the balance of £130 16s. 8d. standing in the No. 3 Account (International Congress of Nurses Fund) be invested and donated to the four delegates of the National Council of Nurses deputed to represent the Council at the International Congress of Nurses in the United States of America to be held in 1941.

## REPORT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Miss E. S. Innes, who attended, as the delegate of the National Council of Nurses, the Golden Jubilee Conference of the International Council of Women, held in Edinburgh in July, 1938, prepared an excellent report, which was received.

It was agreed that a vote of thanks be forwarded to Miss Innes for the care and trouble she had taken in preparing the report.

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The Chairman reported letters from Miss Effie Taylor *re* the International Congress of Nurses to take place in 1941.

A report was notified from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, with Questionnaire.

A request was reported through Miss Schwarzenberg from Miss Julia C. Stimson, President, American Nurses' Association, and Chairman, Congress Committee, 1941, that she might be allowed to have a copy of the accounts and any further particulars available in connection with the Congress expenses in London in 1937. It was agreed that information be forwarded to Miss Stimson.

The Chairman intimated her readiness to supplement such documents.

The Chairman reported the receipt of the balance sheet from Miss Musson, Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, to December, 1937, which was available for those interested. The accounts showed receipts to be £5,412 12s. 2½d. and expenditure £3,865 19s. 10d.

The Chairman reported a letter she had received from Miss Lavinia L. Dock, first Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, offering as a gift to International Headquarters the Illuminated Address presented to her in 1922, when she found it necessary to relinquish the Hon. Secretaryship after 23 years' work.

The Chairman reported that she had communicated with Miss Schwarzenberg, and arrangements would be made to receive the Address with gratitude and pleasure.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Miss Lavinia Dock.

RESOLUTIONS *re* CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Chairman called upon Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, to read resolutions submitted by the College of Nursing and six Member Associations affiliated in the National Council of Nurses, proposing alterations to the Constitution of the National Council and a Resolution from the British College of Nurses, proposing that the whole Constitution of the National Council should be considered

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