

for granting such aid for advanced educational work only? Or shall they be devoted primarily to the encouragement of improved educational standards in the less progressive countries? How can a library built around a nucleus of works by and about Miss Nightingale be effectively used? These are some of the questions members of the F.N.I.F. Grand Council asked each other in the interval between sessions. The question "what is to be done in the field of research," has been put to members of the Council more frequently than any other.

A few of the more obvious problems requiring investigation are:—

The relationship between the members of the health team.

The function of the nurse in a hospital, in the public health field, in industry.

The possible contributions of the nurse to the mental as well as the physical rehabilitation of patients.

The needs of countries in which no nursing now exists.

The education of the public as to the function of the nurse.

The improvement of standards of nursing through exchange of nurses for work.

Relationships of types of nursing service to the cultural patterns of the community served.

In voting unanimously to transfer responsibility of the F.N.I.F. to the I.C.N. the Grand Council was acutely aware that in so doing it has transferred a tremendous legal and moral obligation along with the privilege of attempting to create a living memorial worthy of the greatest nurse of all time and of the two great women, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and M. Adelaide Nutting, who believed wholeheartedly that nurses were capable of creating such a memorial.

1953 Congress.

Accepting the invitation of the Brazilian Graduate Nurses Association (Edith Fraenkel, President), the Grand Council voted to hold the 1953 Congress of the I.C.N.-F.N.I.F. in Brazil, probably at Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro. The Board of Directors will meet in 1951 in Brussels.

Congress Papers and National Reports.

Papers presented at the conference sessions were printed for distribution to the nurses who attended the conference. Copies of the papers and of the reports prepared by the member national associations will be available and can be purchased, at a nominal charge, from the headquarters offices of the I.C.N.-F.N.I.F. at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

First Mothercraft Exhibition.

FOR the first time a Mothercraft Exhibition is to be held at the Central Hall, Westminster, London, in November; mothers and all those concerned with child welfare will be able to view all the latest advances in the practical and scientific care of the men and women of to-morrow.

In addition to displays of modern methods of mothercraft, by means of scores of interesting exhibits and practical demonstrations, lecture-discussions will be held daily under the auspices of The National Baby Welfare Council. These lecture-discussions, at which prominent members of the medical and nursing professions will take part, will be open to all visitors to the Exhibition.

An International Baby Show, and a Fathercraft Corner (where fathers can show their inventive powers with safety gadgets and toys) will be among the many popular features of the Mothercraft Exhibition, which is being held for eight days from November 23rd.

Commonwealth and Empire Health and Tuberculosis Conference.

OVER 1,100 representatives from more than 50 countries attended the N.A.P.T. Second Commonwealth and Empire Health and Tuberculosis Conference at the Central Hall, from July 4th to 8th last. The Conference was a Commonwealth Conference; but tuberculosis, like other infectious diseases, cannot be isolated, and must, therefore, be considered from a world aspect. This point was emphasised by Dr. J. E. Perkins, of the National Tuberculosis Association of the U.S.A., when he said at the first session of the Conference that, owing to modern means of communication, if tuberculosis was rampant in one country, no other country was safe. This first session dealt with *Tuberculosis as a World Problem*, and Dr. Perkins said that tuberculosis was still the leading cause of death in the younger age-groups in America, while in India the mortality rate was five times as great, and in China as bad or worse. He said that the first World Health Assembly had given tuberculosis top priority for action by the Secretariat which might cause some people to ask why voluntary anti-tuberculosis work was necessary. But it was only through the pressure of public opinion that things got done quickly—"It was necessary for the people to demand that governments should take steps." Dr. Perkins referred to the educational work of the anti-tuberculosis associations, and emphasised the part which could be played by the International Union Against Tuberculosis.

Several speakers representing Regional Board and Hospital Management Committees in this country criticised the new Health Service in strong terms. In fact, the general tone of the discussion was to the effect that the old arrangements, in which tuberculosis work in all its phases was under counties and county boroughs, was much superior to the new plan.

British Medical Association.

Prizes for Nurses.

RESULT OF 1949 COMPETITION.

Category (i).

First Prize: Miss Erika Meyer, Sutton and Cheam Hospital.

Second Prize: Miss Jean Cumming, Middlesex Hospital.

Highly Commended: Mr. E. K. Innis, Harefield Hospital. Miss Margaret Steel, Royal Free Hospital.

Commended: Miss Elaine Forster, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle. Miss Patricia Back, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Category (ii).

First Prize: Miss Winifred Hector, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Second Prize: Miss P. Langdale-Smith, Salisbury Infirmary.

Commended: Miss S. M. U. Oates, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Mrs. Elsa Purbrick, Royal Hospital, Richmond. Miss V. M. Williamson, Bristol Royal Hospital.

Category (iii).

First Prize: Miss G. Kenneth, Andrews Road, Malvern.

Second Prize: Miss E. A. B. Davis, 7, Stainsby Road, London, E.14.

Highly Commended: Miss L. Boyd, 15, St. John's Church Road, London, E.9. Mrs. Audrey J. Franklin, Crown East Cottage, Nr. Worcester. Mrs. B. M. I. Tothill, Russell, New Zealand. Miss Iris Alderton, 119, York Road, Woking. Miss F. Coombes, Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent.

Commended: Miss A. M. Hazel, Exeter, Devon. Miss M. Warren, Halsmere Road, Camberwell, S.E.5. Miss H. C. Parson, Bobs Lane, Par, Cornwall. Miss I. E. Burr, Woodford Road, South Woodford, E.18.

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