

rector of Nursing Services, who made a most efficient delegate. In order that you should be represented by the President, I retired from the chair for three months in order that Miss Bicknell might be appointed as President while attending the Conference.

Your Council appointed a delegation to wait on the Hon. the Minister of Public Health to put forward the claims of the Nursing Profession, to have an official delegate appointed to represent New Zealand, and I should like, on your behalf, to express our gratitude to the New Zealand Government for acceding to our request. Miss Bicknell was appointed to represent the New Zealand Government, and your Association was represented by her and Miss McKenny, who had already been appointed our official delegate, and we were very fortunate in securing her services. Needless to say, we shall all look forward with interest to hearing the report of our delegates, and I will now conclude by asking Miss Bicknell to give us a brief account of her stewardship in attending the Montreal Conference as representing the New Zealand Government and as President of this Association.

#### Miss Bicknell:

Mrs. Inglis has asked me to give an account of my stewardship during the three months for which I acted as President for the N.Z.T.N.A.

In the first place, I should like to stress the importance of our New Zealand delegate to any future meeting of the I.C.N. being appointed President for the time being. Only thus is she entitled to a seat on the Board of Directors, which, as you are aware, is the Executive Committee of the I.C.N., and is composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Presidents of National Associations.

The Grand Council consists of the Board of Directors, together with the accredited delegates from each country represented, and is the voting body.

I arrived in Montreal at 9.15 a.m. on July 2nd, but was unable to attend the morning session of the first meeting of

the Board of Directors, and thus missed hearing the minutes of the Geneva meeting read.

As it happened, it was at this meeting that the question of admitting passive members was discussed, the definition of the term being as follows:—"One National Association for each specialty in nursing composed of nurses fully trained in that specialty may become a passive member of the Council, provided that its constitution and by-laws are in harmony with those of the International Council and that it is affiliated to the Association of Nurses in that country which is already a member of the Council. The passive members will be formed into sections of the Council, each section representing one specialty of nursing. Chairmen of such sections may attend meetings of the Grand Council with voting power, if they are fully trained in general nursing."

The Board of Directors voted that the suggestion should be passed on to the Grand Council with the recommendation that it be not accepted, members feeling that the I.C.N. should stand for the fully trained nurse.

The suggestion was passed on to the Grand Council with the recommendation that it be not approved, and that body also decided that the admission of other than fully trained nurses would tend to alter the status and prestige of the I.C.N.

The report of the Treasurer was read and discussed. As will be seen by the statement of receipts and payments, there is a very slender balance £(21/8/2), and this is only possible owing to the fact that the Secretary, Miss Reimann, has herself paid the salary of an Assistant Secretary. The Board of Directors felt that in order to put its affairs on a more independent and self-respecting basis, the necessary assistance for Miss Reimann, who is already over-burdened with work and responsibility, and whose health is in imminent danger of breaking down, should be provided by the Council, and as promptly as possible.

It was decided that the only possible way to obtain the necessary funds was