

for Nurses, and many of these societies are represented by delegation at this Convention. The question we will be asked to consider, therefore, before the close of this Convention is whether or not at this time it will be advisable for Canada to place herself in such a position as will make it possible for her to unite with the International Council of Nurses next year. As stated in the circular letter sent out in July last, the nations now forming the International Council of Nurses are Great Britain, Germany, and the United States; Holland, Belgium, and Finland will be admitted next year; why, therefore, should Canada delay?

"To show you the attitude of the Mother Country toward Canada on this question, I quote from a recent letter from the President of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: 'It would be delightful if Canada could somehow affiliate with the other countries. At present the three countries which form the International Council are Great Britain, United States, and Germany. Denmark, Finland and Holland have already asked to join with us next year, and I do want Canada.'

"Our Matrons' Council, which is synonymous with your Superintendents' Society, did this—it invited all the nursing societies to join by delegation. This Committee took the name of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and, when it felt strong enough this year, adopted a constitution and name. Now, could you not do likewise? Call it the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Canada, or the Canadian Nurses' National Council, appoint a President and Secretary and Treasurer. We would be pleased to welcome the Provisional Council of Canada into the International Council next year.

"Let me know what you think of the provisional scheme. If you could found the National Council of Nurses for Canada right away, it would be grand!"

"In the article previously referred to—viz., 'The History of the International Council of Nurses,' these words may be found: 'Professions, like nations, can only flourish by development of the individual sense of corporate responsibility. The first aim, therefore, of the International Council of Nurses is to organise nurses all the world over, and make them articulate.'

"In closing this address, I ask you to consider with me the brave women, strong and true, and the God who led and guided and

helped them to make the past of our beneficent profession. We are grateful that we do not have to live that past over again, and thankful for the heritage into which we have entered.

"But let us all remember that privilege means responsibility—that a better century does not mean that it should minister to us, but we to it, and also that we can only be worthy of the great inheritance which has been bequeathed to us as we use our larger opportunities to make our country and the world better, and brighter, and purer and nobler with each succeeding year."

We shall await with confidence the result of the deliberations of the Convention of Canadian nurses on the question of national and international solidarity. Sooner or later they will be bound in close and lasting ties of friendship with the nurses of the world. But would it not be just lovely to have them come into the International Council here, at home in the Mother land, at that Ceremony of Affiliation which is to inspire the great thrill at the opening ceremony of the Congress in London?

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Notices will be issued at an early date for a meeting of the Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, to be held in London in November. Important business will be brought before the meeting in connection with the preliminary arrangements for welcoming the International Council of Nurses to London next year, which already promises to be an occasion of the utmost professional and social importance.

REGISTRATION IN IRELAND.

The public meeting convened by the Irish Nurses' Association, and held in the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin last week, was largely and influentially attended by the leading Matrons and nurses in Dublin, as well as by members of the medical profession and others. The Chairman, Mr. J. Lentaigne, F.R.C.S.I., said that the object of the meeting was to announce the results of the efforts to prevent the exclusion of Ireland from the Nurses' Registration Bill, and to consider the Bill as now proposed to be amended. Telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from the Earl of Mayo, K.P.; Lord Ashbourne, Field Marshal Earl Roberts, K.P.; Mr. J. H. Campbell, K.C., M.P.; Mr. T. M. Healy, K.C., M.P., and others. The meeting should do much to demonstrate the determination of Irish nurses to be included in the benefits conferred by a Nurses' Registration Act.

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