

Was the sound of the sea in our ears? Or was it only the remembrance of how the Knights of the Order established the Freedom of the Seas in the Mediterranean and rescued and nursed back to health again, in their embattled Island of Rhodes, the rescued Christian captives of the Infidel? Be that as it may, we make our acknowledgments to our little fellow pedestrian on the pavement in that she called forth an epilogue to the story of Ubaldesca as we had listened to it within hoary walls of St. John's Gate, a history in miniature, this epilogue, of the Order which, through centuries, defended the bulwarks of Christianity and championed the suffering and the oppressed, because it "could not bear to think of these things being trampled on."

ISABEL MACDONALD.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.—Miss D. W. Beale, R.R.C., S.R.N., has been appointed Matron-in-Chief. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she was later Sister. After joining Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Miss Beale served in Royal Naval Hospitals at Plymouth, Portsmouth, Gibraltar and Malta.

MATRON.

Macclesfield General Infirmary.—Miss E. D. Hayes, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and has been Home Sister Tutor at the Oldchurch Hospital, Romford; Assistant Matron at the Gravesend and North Kent Hospital; Matron at the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate; and Matron at the Haslemere and District Hospital. Miss Hayes holds a Housekeeping Certificate and the Sister Tutor's Diploma.

Isolation Hospital, Bognor Regis.—Miss Lily Woolnough, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the North-Western Fever Hospital, Hampstead, London, and at the West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth; and has been Ward Sister at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford; Ward Sister and Theatre Sister at the Woburn Hospital; Ward Sister, Relief Night Sister and Relief Deputy Matron at the Croydon Borough Fever Hospital; and has been engaged in private nursing in connection with the Home and Colonial Nurses' Association. Miss Woolnough was a Housekeeping Pupil at Charing Cross Hospital, London.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Municipal Hospital, Middlesbrough.—Miss V. I. Gooderham, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Municipal Hospital, Middlesbrough, where she was later Ward Sister and Home Sister. Miss Gooderham has also been Matron at Athene Nursing Home, Ruislip, Middlesex, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Hereford City Hospital.

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Chelmsford.—Miss M. G. Duguid, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, London, where she also received her Midwifery training; and in Housekeeping at the Miller General Hospital, Greenwich. Miss Duguid has been Staff Nurse (Out-Patient department) at Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford; Ward Sister, Night Sister and Sister Tutor at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital; and has carried out Administrative Holiday duties at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London.

Borough of Ilford Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium.—Miss F. B. Nason, S.R.N., R.F.N., appointed Assistant Matron, wishes to add to appointment published in our last issue, that she obtained the Housekeeping Certificate of the County Hospital, Lincoln.

RETIREMENT OF MISS H. M. DARLING.

Miss H. M. Darling, Sister Tutor and Home Sister of Croydon General Hospital, is retiring. Any past member of the Nursing Staff wishing to contribute to presentation please send donations to Miss C. L. Keys-Wells, and endorse envelopes "presentation."

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

310, CEDAR STREET,
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June 28, 1941.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

It is almost a year and a half since the offices of the International Council of Nurses were evacuated from England to the United States of America. Difficulty in communication has prevented us from doing much constructive work, but nevertheless we are happy to say that during this period the Council has kept in touch with 24 of its member associations.

In spite of the many deterrent factors during the last few months, the correspondence has been quite extensive. We have had evidence that our letters have been gratefully accepted, and in many instances that they have proved helpful to nurses who, even in the face of devastation and other serious handicaps, are improving their schools and preparing new students for the future.

On the enclosed pages you will find for your information data relative to temporary headquarters, a copy of the audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, and a tentative budget for the present year. These, we believe, will inform you regarding the work of the Council since our last report.

As President, I feel the responsibility very greatly in these times, and I assure you that it would be most helpful to me if you, as a member of the Board of Directors, would express yourself as fully as possible on all questions presented. By this means we will be assured at headquarters that we are in accord with the thinking of our member associations. It would be most helpful also if you would send any suggestions that you have to offer, in order that in as far as possible we may conform to your desires.

We have been able to maintain a close relationship with the Canadian and American Nurses' Associations and with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. We have had considerable correspondence with the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Executive Secretary, and occasional letters from various other members of the Board. For all of these we are extremely grateful.

In my office as President I have sought the advice of several nearby members of the Board as to the possibility of attempting to secure a meeting of the Grand Council in the near future. The consensus of opinion indicates that it would be undesirable to make any such attempts at the present time. Therefore, in accordance with the decision arrived at during the last Board Meeting held in London in 1939, the present officers must continue to function until such time as it is feasible to call together a meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Acting Executive Secretary joins me in sending our personal greetings to you, our colleagues, and to the members of your Association, and once again we wish to assure you that we are looking forward to the day when we can meet together and re-establish the various activities of the Council which, because of circumstances, have been set at naught during the past year.

Very faithfully yours,

EFFIE J. TAYLOR, *President.*

P.S.—Owing to difficulty in transportation, the audited accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, have not as yet been received from the Treasurer.

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