

assumes the Secretaryship of the Royal Sanitary Institute on 1st January, 1953. He also takes office as Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board and as Secretary of the National Nursery Examination Board on the same date. He holds the degrees of M.A., M.Sc., F.C.C.S., F.Inst.P. in science and in public administration, and was previously Director of Education to the International Wool Secretariat and General Secretary of the Society of Dyers and Colourists.

THE THREE-YEAR PRE-NURSING COURSE at Mexborough (Yorks) Technical School is to have a wider scope by the decision to allow boys wishing to take up nursing as a career to attend the course.

Two years ago, two boys sought entry and gained high places in the list, after being allowed to take the examination, but they could not be admitted because the Ministry of Education did not provide for inclusion of boys. Mr. M. V. Clark, the principal, has now been informed that there is no objection to their entry.

Many girls who formed the first class in 1945 are now State Registered Nurses. Last September there were 76 applications for 24 places.

Beautiful Cards of Greeting.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS these days appear to us to be more charming than ever as we enjoy the fascinating array of lovely cards sent to us from many lands.

The Editorial Board of this Journal and the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., have, this year, to thank many friends at home and abroad for the happy remembrances received.

An exquisite little engraving of a seascape with sailing ship came from Miss Gerda Höjer, President of the International Council of Nurses; Brigadier H. S. Gillespie, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.R.A.N.C. sent us greetings from the War Office, with handsome crest embossed in scarlet and gold.

Headquarters, International Council of Nurses sent us a calendar, on which was depicted the badge in silver and blue, containing the signatures of Daisy C. Bridges, Ellen Brøe, Gwen Buttery and Alice C. Sher; from Major Grace M. Hogg, Q.A.R.A.N.C., came greetings with picture of British Military Hospital, Cameron Highlands, Malaya; the Board and Members of the South African Nurses Association; the Trained Nurses Association of India; the Canadian Nurses Association; the American Nurses Association and the *American Journal of Nursing* also remembered us.

Warm wishes also came from many friends in the United States of America, to mention a few: a friend of happy memories in Miss Virginia Arnold sent us a museum reproduction of a beautiful Arab woman's dress of Komallah (near Jerusalem); Mr. and Mrs. Hickerson and dear dog greeted us; Miss Pearl Morrison, Miss Oakley Williams, and Miss Mary Jacob from Canada.

Amongst friends in Australia came messages from Miss Frances Burchell, on lately renewing her friendship with us in the Old Country, Miss M. E. L. Matthews and many others.

Lovely cards from friends at home we also greatly value—from our very good friends, the Printers, and messages from far and near reached us through dear "doggies, cats and robins".

International Council of Nurses.

TENTH QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS HOTEL QUITANDINHA PETROPOLIS, 1953

Tentative Programme.

- Sunday, July 12th, 1953.**
Registration all day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hotel Quitandinha.
a.m. Catholic Services } In Rio de Janeiro or
Protestant Services } Petropolis.
- 4 p.m. **Opening Session.**
Presiding: Miss Gerda Höjer President I.C.N.
Speech of welcome by the President of the Brazilian Graduate Nurses' Association.
President of the I.C.N. declares Congress open.
Admission of new National Member Associations.
Addresses of Welcome.
- Monday, July 13th, 1953.**
9 a.m. **Business Session.**
Presiding: Miss Gerda Höjer President I.C.N.
Report by the Executive Secretary on the work of the I.C.N. during the last four-year period.
Report by the Honorary Treasurer.
Reports by the Chairmen of I.C.N. Standing and Special Committees.
Discussion and questions.
- 2 p.m. **First General Session.**
THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE I.C.N.
Two speakers.
Discussion and questions.
- Tuesday, July 14th, 1953.**
9 a.m. **Second General Session.**
NEW TRENDS IN CURRICULA FOR SCHOOLS OF NURSING.
Two speakers.
- 2 p.m. **Third General Session.**
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION OF AUXILIARY NURSING PERSONNEL.
Two speakers.
- Wednesday, July 15th, 1953.**
9 a.m. **Fourth General Session.**
(1) NEW TRENDS IN MEDICAL TREATMENT.
Speaker to be invited from the Brazilian Medical Association.
(2) THE WORK OF THE I.C.N. NURSING SERVICE COMMITTEE.
Report of the Chairman.
p.m. Afternoon free for planned visits in Rio de Janeiro.
- Thursday, July 16th, 1953.**
10 a.m. **Group Sessions.**
ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF NURSING SERVICE.
First Group. **Second Group.**
OBSTETRICAL NURSING. TUBERCULOSIS NURSING.
Two speakers. Two speakers.
Third Group. **Fourth Group.**
PAEDIATRIC NURSING. GENERAL MEDICAL NURSING.
Two speakers. Two speakers.
- 2 p.m. **Fifth General Session.**
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.
Two speakers.
- 7 p.m. **Formal Dinner.**
(Guests to be invited from National and International Organisations.)
- 9 p.m. **Sixth General Session.**
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND PROFESSIONAL NURSING.
Two or three speakers.

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