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International News.

A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES FOR SWEDEN

It is announced in the current issue *Svensk Sjukskötersketidning*, the Swedish nurses professional journal, that it is hoped Sweden may be represented at the forthcoming International Congress on Nursing by a National Council of Nurses. This is, indeed, good news. The Swedish nurses who were present at the meeting in Berlin in 1904 and at the Congress in Paris in 1907 were keenly alive to the benefit of international co-operation and unity between the nurses of all nations, and went home determined that Swedish nurses should be an integral part of the great International Federation. The Swedish women are most intellectual and charming, and if they are ready to come into the International in July—with Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Canada—their welcome will be of the warmest.

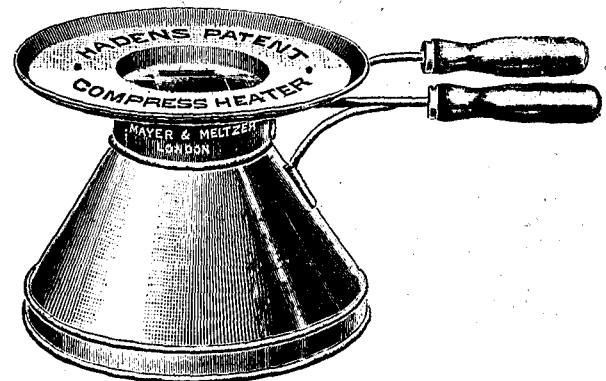
Miss Elston, Directrice de l'Ecole des Gardes-Malades de l'Hôpital du Tondu, Bordeaux, Vice-Présidente du Conseil National Français de Directrice d'Hopitaux, will speak on military nursing in France in the Session on "The Nurse as Patriot," of the International Congress in July. Miss Elston was trained at the London Hospital, but her nursing sympathies and interest are now largely devoted to the beautiful land of her adoption.

The news that Mr. Haldane, our great Secretary of State for War, will give the opening address in this Session, has already aroused delightful anticipation of an intellectual treat in the nursing world.

The *Canadian Nurse* says:—"Canadian nurses have been cabled for. That very progressive, world-wide, and courteous Corporation, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, have received a long cable from London, and have approached the *Canadian Nurse* for a list of delegates from Canada to the International Council of Nurses in London next summer. You should try to go. The cost will be moderate, the C.P.R. say, and the benefit will be great. We shall be glad to hear from nurses who are thinking of going."

Practical Points.

A Practical Dr. William E. Burton, describing a practical compress heater in the *British Medical Journal*, writes:—I desire to call attention to a very simple and excellent device for the heating of compresses, fomentations, dressings, etc. The apparatus consists, as shown in the cut, of two parts, of which the lower is to contain hot water, and to be placed on a gas or spirit stove; and the upper part is a tray, pierced centrally, to permit the vapour from the boiling water to heat the compresses, etc., placed thereon. Both upper and lower parts are made of copper, tinned inside, and



each is furnished with a wooden handle which allows of their being moved without risk of burning the hands. I have had occasion to make use of this very handy little apparatus, of which I cannot speak too highly as regards (a) efficiency, (b) simplicity, (c) cheapness. It does away completely with the delay and risk of scalding (arising from the usual fomentation methods, in the absence of a properly trained nurse) and saves the doctor's time in explaining. I have no financial interest in this invention, which is known as "Haden's Patent."

The Compress Heater is supplied by Messrs. Mayer and Meltzer, of 71, Great Portland Street, London, W., to whom we are indebted for the accompanying illustration.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The following ladies have received appointments as Staff Nurse: Miss G. M. Watkins and Miss K. C. P. H. Brewer.

Postings and Transfers.—Sisters: Miss E. M. Lang, to Military Hospital, Tidworth; Miss L. M. Moor, to South Africa. Staff Nurses: Miss C. E. Alldridge, to Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot; Miss M. Black, to The Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, London; Miss E. B. Black, to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss A. L. Plimsaul, to Military Hospital, Hounslow; Miss M. O. Greenaway, to Military Hospital, Tidworth;

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