

from intimate fellow-workers of so many years close and happy association at home, and from the leaders of all we hold in the highest admiration in our profession abroad. It is indeed a magnificent work of art, and I value it the more that the fine craftsman who made it stamped into it with his name letters a bit of his soul. It is an interesting thought that this salver will link us with the future. Long after we have played our little parts and passed away, this splendid bit of metal work will still exist, and from the inscription bear witness to the inspiration of those nurses who in loving fellowship founded the great International Federation of Nurses, which without doubt will in time encircle the earth with beneficent influence. It is a human being's highest privilege to find congenial work, and I owe a special debt of gratitude to the nursing profession that I have been permitted to help in its international organisation.

I offer my warmest thanks to all those present and to my dear absent friends who have contributed to this splendid gift. I love it!

The salver, which is 70 inches in circumference, is very pure in style, and finely engraved with a coat of arms. It was greatly admired by everyone present. This fine piece of antique plate was procured through Messrs. Widdowson and Veale, of Waterloo Place, W. M. B.

### International News from Berlin.

Sister Agnes Karll is throwing no end of energy into her duty as President of the I.C.N. She is this week leaving Berlin upon one of her periodical tours of supervision of the German Nurses' Association, and we may be sure carries the inspiration of internationalism wherever she goes. In Germany there is a journal dealing with nursing matters edited by a doctor for doctors, and Sister Karll is to contribute a report of our Congress proceedings to its pages. This is good, as it presents the nurse's point of view concerning her own affairs to the medical faculty.

Our President is going far afield with international propaganda—Switzerland, Austria, and Mexico are all waking up, and members of the medical profession in Germany, who considered themselves slighted in not receiving invitations to attend the London Congress, have intimated that they will give warm support to our gathering at Cologne in 1912. So we go steadily forward.

From Paris influential members of the French Red Cross Society are seeking information on the question of State Registration of Nurses from headquarters in Berlin. Isn't that a delightful evidence of *entente*? and Sister Karll writes: "It would be a shame if France should get it before you. Love and good wishes for your Registration fight."

### The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.



A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, October 22nd, the President, Miss Isla Stewart, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received and considered from the Countess of Aberdeen, Convener, Public Health Committee, National Union of Women Workers, Miss Norah Green, Secretary, N.U.W.W., Miss M. G. Spencer, Secretary, Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, Canon Bickersteth Otley, Hon. Secretary, Imperial Sunday Alliance, Miss Nora Smith, and others, and action taken thereon.

#### REPORT.

The Report and Financial Statement presented by Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary, were adopted.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were then considered and approved from

Miss Marion Bryan, Matron, General Hospital, Northampton.

Miss Irene C. Keogh, Matron, Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin.

Miss Annie Smith, Matron, Kingston Infirmary.

Miss Edith M. Bradley, Matron, Salford Union Infirmary.

Miss Adelaide Clark, Matron, Finchley Cottage Hospital.

Miss L. A. Dixon, late Matron, Gartlock Asylum.

#### RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY.

The President then said that the next business on the Agenda was to receive the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Miss Breay, who had held that position since 1897, which would be received with general regret, but Miss Breay felt that increasing pressure of work necessitated her resignation.

Miss Breay said that she tendered her resignation with great regret, and would always esteem it an honour to have held the position of Hon. Secretary to the Matrons' Council for so long, but the time had come when she could no longer do justice to the claims of the work upon her.

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