

Foreword.

The spirit of internationalism is the spirit of fraternity, co-operation, progress. It is the exact opposite of egoism, individualism, provincial conservatism. This spirit is abroad in the world, making for a better and happier kind of civilisation than we have had in the past. It began to penetrate the community of nurses when the first stir of the wish for mutual acquaintance and mutual helpfulness made itself evident among them. It was presaged at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, when the leader of organisation among nurses in Great Britain met the woman who was planning to bring national associations into being in America. It spoke louder in 1899, in London, when nurses from the United States, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, and Holland, attending the International Congress of Women, met in conclave at the invitation of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, at which meeting Mrs. Bedford Fenwick proposed that an International Council of Nurses should be founded. Later, in the historic precincts of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, they drew up the plan of a constitution which would bring national societies of nurses, as they came into existence, into the friendly union of an international group. Their work was ratified in Buffalo, in the United States, in 1901, where the new century was celebrated by a World's Fair and a Congress of Nurses of international character, and finally consummated at Berlin in 1904, when the National Societies of Nurses of three countries, Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, joined together as the International Council of Nurses.

At this Second Quinquennial Meeting to be held in London on July 19th, the chosen delegates of national associations of nurses from seven countries will come together. The three countries first in membership will elect into the Council Holland, Denmark, Finland, and Canada, and a firm foundation for long years and, we hope, centuries of amity and mutual support between the nurses of the many countries of the world will be cemented. The essential idea for which the International Council of Nurses stands is Self-Government of Nurses in their Associations, with the aim of raising ever higher the standards of education and professional ethics, public usefulness, and civic spirit of their members. The International Council of Nurses stands for that full development of the human being and citizen in every nurse which shall best enable her to bring her professional knowledge and skill to the many-sided service that modern society demands of her.

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Who's Who.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder and Hon. President, Int. Council of Nurses, formerly Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hosp., London; President, National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland; Hon. Sec., Soc. for State Registration of Trained Nurses; Hon. Sec. and Superintendent of Nursing, National Fund for the Greek Wounded, Græco-Turkish War; Memb. of the Committee, City and County of London Territorial Force Nursing Service; Hon. Member, German Nurses' Assoc.; Hon. Associate, Order of St. John of Jerusalem; Distinguished Order of the Greek Red Cross; Badge of Honour of the German Nurses' Assoc.; Editor, *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

Miss L. L. Dock, R.N., Hon. Secretary and Foundation Memb., Int. Council of Nurses; Graduate, Bellevue Hosp., New York; Hon. Secretary, American Federation of Nurses; Memb., American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools; Hon. Member, Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; Hon. Member, German Nurses' Association; Memb., Editorial Staff, *American Journal of Nursing*; Collaborator, *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*; joint author, "A History of Nursing," and author of "Materia Medica for Nurses," etc.; Badge of Honour, German Nurses' Assoc.

Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Treasurer and Foundation Member, Int. Council of Nurses; Director, National Council of Nurses, Great Britain and Ireland; formerly Matron, Metropolitan Hosp., London, and English Hospital, Zanzibar; Hon. Sec., Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; Certified Midwife; Sub-Editor, *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

COUNCILLORS.

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; Memb., Army Nursing Board; Queen Alex. Imperial Military Nursing Service; Organising Matron, No. 1 City of Lond. Hosp., Territorial Force Nursing Service; President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; President, Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses; joint author, "Practical Nursing."

Miss M. N. Cureton, late Lady Superintendent, Addenbrooke's Hosp., Cambridge; Vice-President, Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Miss C. Knight, Matron, General Hospital, Nottingham; Vice-President, Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Miss M. Mollett, Matron, Royal South Hants and Southampton Hosp.; President, R. S. H. Nurses' League; Director, National Council of Nurses, Great Britain and Ireland; Vice-President, Matrons' Council, and Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses.

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