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## Nursing in 1909.

As succeeding years go by they become more and more memorable in the nursing world, and it has never been our duty to chronicle the events of a year of greater interest both at home and abroad than that which closes this week.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The work of the National Council of Trained Nurses during the past year has been the organisation of the International Congress of Nurses and Nursing Exhibition in connection with the International Council of Nurses, which met in London in July last. It proved to be the largest and most important gathering of nurses ever held, and its organisation afforded unmistakable evidence of the capacity of the nursing profession to successfully arrange a Congress of world-wide utility and importance, and to make it a financial success.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The International Council of Nurses held its Second Quinquennial Meeting in London in July, when the National Councils of Nurses of four countries were admitted to membership, thus federating seven countries. The Council passed a unanimous Resolution reiterating its earnest conviction of the importance of the Registration of Trained Nurses by the State, and offered its congratulations to trained nurses so registered, and also, with two dissentients, a Resolution affirming its conviction that the possession of the Parliamentary Franchise would raise the standard of women's work, and, in consequence, increase the professional efficiency of trained nurses.

During the Congress and Nursing Exhibition held on the succeeding days Resolutions were passed (1) asking the International Council of Nurses to form a Standing International Committee on Nursing Education; (2) recommending each National Association now in membership with the Council to form Standing Committees on Morality and Public Health; (3) urging upon Government Departments responsible for Prisons that Warders and Wardresses entrusted with the care of prisoners should be systematically trained for their duties; and (4)

advocating a Conference on Mental Nursing in London.

A remarkable feature of the Congress was the substantial agreement on all vital questions affecting their profession amongst the nurses of so many different countries.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland has given evidence of its interest in public health questions by nominating its President as its delegate on the recently formed Public Health Committee of the National Union of Women Workers. It has had the pleasure of welcoming to London from Dublin one of its members, Miss L. V. Haughton, the recently-appointed Matron of Guy's Hospital. Miss M. Mollett, a Vice-President, and one of the earliest members, has been unanimously appointed Hon. Secretary, and the Council is fortunate in securing the services of so able and acceptable a member.

### THE LEAGUES OF CERTIFICATED NURSES.

The Leagues of Certificated Nurses have throughout the year demonstrated the value of co-operation. They have served as a bond of union between their members, have kept themselves informed, and, when necessary, have taken action, on current events; have issued well-edited journals, and, generally, have fulfilled a most useful function.

It has been our sad duty to record that the Kingston Infirmary and the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' Leagues have lost their Presidents through death—Miss J. A. Smith and Miss M. E. Jones. Miss A. Smith and Miss E. M. Musson, their successors in the office of Matron in these institutions, have been elected Presidents of the respective Leagues.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF NURSES.

The Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association holds quarterly meetings, at which it keeps in touch with its own special interests and current events.

The Fever Nurses' Association, a vigorous Association of Matrons, nurses, and medical practitioners, held its first annual meeting in May last. Its first object is the adoption of a

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