

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

At the Triennial Meeting of the Central Council of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, held at Dunedin, the President, Miss Maclean, gave an admirable address, in which she said:—

"I think the most important event which has happened to the Association during this three years has been the affiliation of our Association with the International Council of Nurses. I am very delighted that this has been accomplished during my term of office. No doubt you all know that I have urged the desirability of this ever since the Association was formed. The great privilege of being one with the nurses of the world is, I think, a tremendous and inspiring one. This Union of Nurses from all quarters of the globe, which is not for personal advantage, but which is inspired by the highest ideals for the betterment of the human race, and by the desire and, indeed, necessity, of nurses taking part in the many plans for that end, must surely be a great factor in the future. Surely the more the spirit of internationalism spreads the more the peace and prosperity of the world will increase. If the members of our profession may have a hand in any movement which leads to so great results, how proud we may be.

"And, again, how we the nurses of this little country should prize the privilege of joining with those women which have done, and are doing, so much to elevate the whole of the profession of nursing."

Miss Maclean rendered a generous meed of praise to the women who together laid the foundations of the International Council—which has encircled the world in so short a time—and spoke of the splendid service to nurses of Miss Dock and Miss Nutting in giving them "A History of Nursing"—"which embodies the history of New Zealand nursing . . . and which she hoped all the members had read."

The two New Zealand delegates to Cologne, Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Holgate, are now home again, and both full of enthusiasm for Internationalism. The latter met the nurses at the Wellington Nurses' Club, and gave them a most interesting account of her experiences at the Cologne Congress.

Copies of the English translation of Dr. Hecker's pamphlet on "The Overstrain of Nurses" may now be obtained through the Secretaries of the affiliated National Councils, or direct from the Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., price 2d., post free, 3d. We hope many nurses and members of the public will secure copies.

PROGRESS OF NURSING EDUCATION IN GERMANY.

Recently the first Board Meeting of the Leipzig Frauen-Hoch-Schule took place, to arrange the plan of study, and provision for examinations. The Board of Curators had elected the following people to serve on the Commission:—Dr. Prüfer (educationalist), the business manager of the school; Professor Biermann (political economist), and Professor Waltereeck (biologist), also Sister Agnes Karll and Head Physician Dr. Poelchin-Zeitz, as well as one of the student Sisters. It has, however, been deemed advisable to give wider representation, consequently Sister Helen Sperl, representing the Professional Organisation, Sister Dorette Thies, the Deaconesses' Association, and Sister Martha Brandberg, of Sweden, representing foreigners, have been elected, also Professor Böttger, chemist. As the circle was not completed, owing to illness, and resolutions of the Commission must be unanimous, nothing final can yet be reported. The preparations for the plan of study are, however, so well advanced, that it will probably soon be officially known.

Unterm Lazaruskreuz says:—

It is with pleasure we give the following information:—The Hoch-Schule is to be a laboratory for Natural Science, so that the study of Bacteriology, the Microscope, the Chemistry of the Kitchen, &c., will be assured to us in the future.

Nothing is wanting to prove that the deepest interest has been shown in our requirements and circumstances, and that no trouble has been spared to make the enterprise a success.

The fact that the Director of a Hospital and School for Nurses is represented on the Commission, is in itself a matter for thankfulness. The lack of uniformity in the educational standards for nurses will be the chief difficulty in the way of enlarging the plan of study to the extent desirable, and as it will be in the future, when we have a three years' universal course on a broad educational basis, as is the case in America, at present we must content ourselves with what is within our reach, and not press too much into our two short years.

We warmly congratulate our German sisters on the educational progress they are making. We learn that Dr. Hecker's wonderful thesis on the "Overstrain of Nurses," read at Cologne, has aroused widespread interest throughout Germany, and that the question has been discussed in Parliament.

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