

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The following letter has been received by the Founder of the International Council of Nurses, from the Vicomte Hanabusa, the President of the Japanese Society of the Red Cross. It is an exquisite little letter, and will gratify those members of the Council—now scattered in many lands—who were charmed to meet, and be associated with the Japanese ladies who were deputed by the Japanese Society of the Red Cross to attend its International Congress at Cologne. Let us hope we may meet many more nurses from the Flowery Land in 1915—when a journey to San Francisco will be much more convenient for them—than to Northern Europe.

Tokyo, le 21 Juin 1913.

Société Japonaise de la Croix-Rouge.

MADAME,—Vous avez bien voulu honorer d'un bienveillant accueil, à leur passage dans votre ville, Mme. Take-Hagiwara et Mme. Yao-Yamamoto, représentantes des infirmières de notre Société au Congrès international des infirmières, tenu à Cologne l'année dernière.

Elles m'ont déclaré qu'elles vous sont redevables de toutes les facilités, dont elles ont joui pour accomplir leur mission.

Je viens vous remercier, Madame, des services si précieux que vous avez bien voulu rendre à nos déléguées.

Veuillez agréer, Madame, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

Le Président,

VICOMTE HANABUSA.

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,
Promotrice du Congrès International des Infirmières.

NEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS.

This Society for obtaining a legal regulation for the instruction and examinations of the nurses in Holland, which was established last year and originated by some of the members of Nosokomos held recently its first meeting. The Matron of the hospital in Rotterdam spoke about the instruction of the nurses. With some very good examples she pointed out that often it only depended on the conception of the doctor if one was called a good or a bad nurse.

A doctor spoke about the examination of the State. He showed very distinctly that unity in the instruction and examinations of the nurses only could be obtained by the authority of the State; the Government however never would give it, and it only could be got by claiming the desired legislation as a right.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Lecture Theatre at the Hospital on Saturday July 5th. The President Miss R. Cox-Davies was in the chair.

Before the business meeting began the President said that two members of the League had passed away since the last meeting, Miss E. J. Cartwright and Miss Hight, who was also a member of the Staff of No. 1 Hospital T.F.N.S. She thought the League would wish to pass a resolution of sympathy with their relatives and this was done.

The President then reported in connection with the Territorial Force Nursing Service that Miss Marcon had resigned the post of Matron of No. 1 General Hospital. Her place had been taken by Miss Rundle. Miss H. D. Dick and Miss F. E. Matthews had resigned the position of Sister in the Service on their marriages. A number of nurses had also resigned—9 because they had gone abroad, 2 on their retirement from active work, 3 who were married, and 3 for no reason assigned.

One other thing of interest and importance she had to report was that a Deputation had waited upon the Prime Minister in support of the claims of the Nurses' Registration Bill. It consisted of a large number of very influential people, very capable of placing before the Prime Minister most efficiently the reasons why such Registration was necessary. The Deputation was introduced by Dr. Chapple, and Sir Victor Horsley, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson and others presented the views of Registrationists, as it appeared to her, irresistably. She herself spoke for the Members of the Nursing Profession.

She did not take part in the last Deputation, but those who did considered the Prime Minister's attitude much more sympathetic and favourable than on the former occasion. It struck her that when Mr. Asquith mentioned the arguments against registration he did so with reluctance. (Applause.)

In reply to Dr. Chapple the Prime Minister said he could not agree that the opposition was dying down, and produced the list of the Central Hospital Council for London which he said had been brought up to date. Sir Victor Horsley said he would be glad to have a copy of the list and this was supplied to him.

It did not appear to her that the list had been brought up to date as, in the brief moment that

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