

however, that they were now near to the consummation of their desire, and that the just demand of the people of this country for effective legislation for social reform could not be resisted, and their aspirations must then meet with response. Mrs. Fenwick concluded by expressing to Miss Mollett the great pleasure it had been to her colleagues to entertain her, and their warm thanks for all she had done for them.

Miss Mollett briefly responded, expressing her gratitude for the very kind manner in which her past services had been recognised. She always had a warm affection for the Matrons: she had been one for so long herself that she knew all their pleasures, troubles, and difficulties. She concluded by warmly proposing the health of the "Materums."

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FACTS TRAINED NURSES SHOULD NOTE AND REMEMBER.

THEIR HONOURABLE WORK.

1. That their Work has a very honourable history, and that they should study it. That two members of their own profession, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Professor of Nursing and Health at Columbia University, New York, and Miss L. L. Dock, have compiled a finely illustrated "History of Nursing" in four volumes, describing in Vols. I and II the Evolution of Nursing Systems from the Earliest Times to the Foundation of the First English and American Training Schools in the middle of the nineteenth century, and in Vols. III and IV, a History of Nursing to the present day, with Special Reference to the Work of the past Thirty Years.

This "History of Nursing," which should be included in every Nursing Library, costs 10s. 6d. a volume, is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, Bedford Street, London, W.C., and can also be procured from Miss Breay, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., a handsome royalty being generously allowed by the publishers towards the funds of the International Council of Nurses. Every trained nurse who loves her profession should possess this "History" of its evolution, and learn to venerate the noble deeds of those who in past ages shed such a marvellous lustre upon it—a lustre it is the duty of all those happy people, who help to prevent disease, and who tend the sick, to keep for ever shining from the reflected glory within.

THE INTERNATIONALISM OF NURSING.

2. That there is no nationality in Nursing. That preservation of Health, and comfort in sickness, is the Nurse's Duty. Hence her sphere is worldwide, and her colleagues the nurses of all nations. It follows that her sympathies must be universal. To foster this depth of feeling, and breadth of view, the International Council of Nurses was founded in 1899. English and American Nurses took the initiative. In fourteen years National Associations of Nurses have been organized in many countries, and those of Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Canada, India, and New Zealand, are affiliated to it, and form the International Council.

A Federation of Australasian Nurses is under consideration, and has voted to join the International at its next meeting in 1915.

The International Council meets in Conference and intimate social intercourse once in three years. Its first Nursing Conference was held in Buffalo, U.S.A., in 1901; Berlin, 1904; Paris, 1907; London, 1909; Cologne, 1912, when the nurses of twenty-three countries were represented, and it foregathers at San Francisco in 1915.

PROFESSIONAL NURSES' JOURNALS.

3. To keep in close touch with one another, and to voice their professional ideals, the National Organizations of Nurses each publish an official organ, owned, controlled, and edited by trained nurses. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is the official organ of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, which affiliates Nurses' Societies and Leagues, and has now a corporate membership of 6,000 trained nurses.

The organized professional nurses of the world thus demonstrate the ethical principle, that to maintain the highest professional ideals, uncontaminated by commercialism, it is absolutely necessary to control an organ in the Press—otherwise not only are their professional opinions misrepresented, but their economic assets are exploited by unprofessional persons posing as nursing experts who "edit" so-called nursing journals. Such publications have no ethical standards, or professional conscience, and have proved themselves actively hostile to our professional aspirations, to our educational progress, our registration, and our economic value. The necessity for a professional Nursing Journal is therefore imperative.

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