

### NURSING ECHOES.

The annual meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses is summoned for Thursday, December 3rd, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., when we hope all members of affiliated societies will attend who are able to do so. The truth is that so many nurses are on active service, or busily engaged, that meetings are sure to suffer. All the same, there is important business to transact—the most urgent is to come to some conclusion as to the action of our National Council in relation to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at San Francisco.

Miss Dock writes from New York in the *American Journal of Nursing*:—

“The darkness of this terrible war is repeated in the silence of our European members. Not a line has come from any country in Europe since the war broke out, except a brief note from Miss Hubrecht in Holland. She speaks of the complete preoccupation of everyone in questions of nursing and general relief, and the submerging of all other activities and interests. She fears not more than two or three can hope to attend the San Francisco Congress, instead of the dozen or more who planned to do so from Holland. From New Zealand Miss Maclean writes:—‘I very much fear there will be no delegates from this country, and for myself, all government leave is stopped.’

“The officers of the International in the United States still hope that there may be some representation of foreign countries next summer, at least sufficient to enable us to receive our new members, China and Australia, yet doubt and uncertainty cloud all expectations. At a meeting in New York, in the beginning of October, it was agreed that we would wait until the beginning of the new year before asking our foreign members of the Council for their definite word as to the International programme. Our national meetings, of course, will go on, and even if only one nurse comes from abroad, we shall be ready to welcome her.”

The *Daily Express* has adopted the suggestion of a correspondent, Mr. Charles Edward Jerningham, and is inviting contributions from its readers for sending a Christmas gift to each of the British nurses with the Expeditionary Force. Mr. Jerningham writes that all British men and women are grateful to the nurses for the services they are rendering, and are proud that the courage, skill, and devotion of these

nurses have earned the especially good opinion which is entertained of them, not only by our soldiers and Allies, but even by the enemy.

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The annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses was held on the 19th inst. in the Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow. Lady Stirling-Maxwell, president, occupied the chair. In their report for the past year the Executive Committee stated that the primary purpose of the Association is to supply thoroughly trained and fully qualified nurses for those requiring their services, and at the same time to secure to nurses on the staff regular employment, adequate remuneration, and the advantages of a central home. At present there were 187 nurses on the roll. The number of cases attended during the year was 2,069, and the amount earned by the nurses £14,525. Since the outbreak of war 62 nurses had volunteered for service in nursing the wounded. Some of these were now on the Continent, and a large number were engaged in the various district hospitals. Others were ready to give their services when required. The approval of the report was moved by Sir Samuel Chisholm, Bart., who congratulated the Co-operation on the great progress it had made since its formation 21 years ago. Ex-Bailie J. W. Stewart seconded, and the report was adopted. The office-bearers, including Mr. G. Wink Wight, C.A., as secretary, were re-elected, and Nurses Elizabeth Beaton, Farquhar, E. W. Miller, and Whincup were elected members of the Executive Committee in room of those who retired by rotation. Professor Glaister proposed a vote of thanks to the Executive and Medical Committees, the honorary physicians and surgeons, the subscribers to the funds, and Miss Rough and her assistants. This was agreed to. Lady Stirling-Maxwell was thanked for presiding.

Scotland sets England a very good example in this connection. None of the large and wealthy hospitals exploit private nurses for the upkeep of such hospitals.

The value of child life was never more impressed upon the nations of the world than at the present day. Every healthy child born into the world is a national asset of great value, and every nurse who preserves the life, or conserves the health of a child is therefore rendering as valuable service to her country as the soldier who fights for it, or the mother who bore him. For of what use the endurance for

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