

AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

NEW CLUB FOR OVERSEAS NURSES.

WELCOME TO THE WAR ZONE.

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, President of the American Nurses' Association and an Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses, has been singled out by the War Department at Washington to fill the very responsible and honourable position of Chief Inspecting Nurse of the Army hospitals at home and abroad. Miss Goodrich is assistant professor in the Department of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, and her varied experience in hospitals and as inspector of training-schools in New York State, specially fits her for this position for which the whole American nursing world rejoices to find her selected by the Government. Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will also desire to offer congratulations, as they have a very lively recollection of the part taken by Miss Goodrich in our wonderful international gathering of nurses held in London in 1909. In 1912 she was offered the Presidency of the International by cable, wired back accepting the honour, and, had it not been for the war, would have welcomed a splendid contingent of colleagues from all over the world at San Francisco in 1915.

Associated with Miss Goodrich, as her assistant, will be Miss Elizabeth C. Burgess, now Inspector of Training Schools of New York State. Both have been granted an indefinite leave of absence. *The American Journal of Nursing* reports that it is probable that Miss Jane E. Hitchcock, who has been from the beginning Secretary of the Board of Nurse Examiners, will take under her supervision the work of Miss Burgess' office at Albany.

A friend writes from France:—"The American Hospitals are beyond anyone's comprehension here, so hygienic and so comfortable. One has 20,000 beds; they have their own railways, which bring the patients right in, and their own post. Talence Hospital is now magnificent."

The Duchess of Atholl last week formally opened at 8, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, the Victoria League Club for nurses from overseas. The Marchioness of Linlithgow, president of the Victoria League (Edinburgh Branch), presided, and many well-known people were present.

The Duchess of Atholl said among the things the war had taught them was the value to the community, and, above all, to our soldiers and sailors, of the nursing profession. The least imaginative amongst them after four years of war realised something of what the strain had been upon our own nurses, and also the nurses of the overseas dominions, and it was necessary they should have

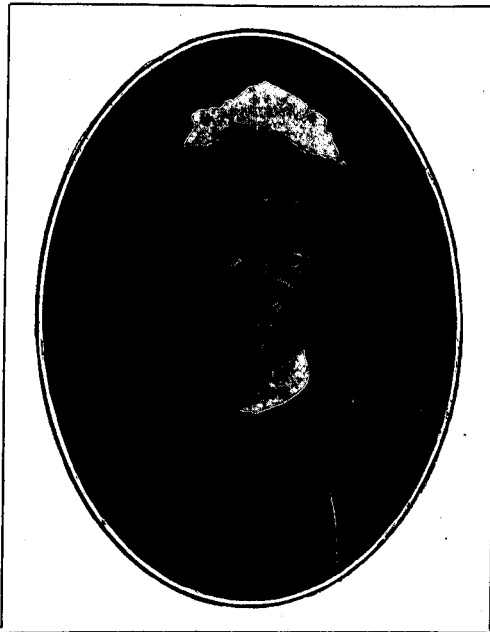
leave and relaxation at regular intervals. Many of the overseas nurses were anxious to visit Scotland, and particularly Edinburgh. The mere fact that there was such a widespread desire was sufficient justification for the establishment of that club, and her Grace regarded it as another link in the enduring chain of Empire.

The Lord Provost extended to the nurses a hearty welcome on behalf of the citizens of the city, and Captain Towse also paid tribute to the splendid work the nurses had done in this war to relieve the suffering of our brave soldiers and sailors.

Lord Mackenzie, in moving a vote of thanks to the Marchioness of Linlithgow, said the work of the Victoria League could not yet be fully recognised. The seas knit the British Empire together, and never was

that more true than it was to-day. They knew of the succour that had been brought to them by the overseas soldiers, and of the splendid work done by the overseas nurses, and they extended to them a hearty welcome. The future of our Empire, when peace came, would depend not merely on what we had all done and suffered together, but on the feelings that would be conveyed overseas by the returning soldiers and nurses. The work that was being carried on by the Victoria League was therefore of enormous importance.

We are sure all overseas nurses will appreciate the opportunity of visiting Scotland's beautiful capital.



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