

associations to raise the salaries of their nurses. It will also go to increase the Queen's Nurses' Benevolent Fund, which is used for the personal benefit of the Queen's Nurses throughout the United Kingdom.

The Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has accepted the offer. It will do this much criticised Fund good to add this object to others for which it is collecting in opposition to the strongly expressed objections of the profession of nursing at large.

The *Melbourne Age* says :

Among a large section of the community interested in the future welfare of military nurses, the suggestion that donations should be raised in Australia for the Nation's Fund for Nurses, organised in England, is not regarded with favour.

Commenting on the appeal forwarded from London recently, Miss Elizabeth Glover, a trustee of the Edith Cavell Fund, and the first Lady Superintendent of the Australian Army Nursing Reserve, said :—

"While I do not wish to discourage anyone who has the welfare of nurses at heart, I cannot see that co-ordination with the British movement would bring about desirable results. For one thing, the centre is too far away for the organisers to deal with cases of necessity here. As for the claim that numbers of Australian soldiers have been nursed by Imperial sisters, honours are equal. There have been just as many English soldiers cared for by Australian nurses.

"In a very little while thousands of our own nurses will be demobilised, and Victoria must take its share of the responsibility of looking after those who are war-weary or incapacitated. Arrangements are now being made by the Edith Cavell Fund to raise money for this purpose.

"If the British scheme is brought forward at this juncture it will certainly clash with ours.

"Australia has long ago standardised its nursing profession by the control of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association and similar organisations. The standard is exceptionally high, as the record of our nurses in this war has demonstrated. Australia has nothing to gain from a College of Nursing, established in England, out of a thank-offering fund for nurses."

No doubt Miss Glover voices the opinion of other nursing leaders in our various Dominions Overseas—that any claim has been made in

Australia for reward for any service British nurses joyfully rendered to the sick and wounded Australian soldiers, is another *bêtise* such as the organisers of this Fund appear incapable of avoiding when dealing with our professional affairs.

Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses writes :—

"Dearest People,—In a very short time I hope to have something definite to write on International affairs. My idea is to have all the officers of National Councils to come here next summer (1920) to our American National Association Meetings, and thus begin to pick up threads, and then and there to plan for a full congress in this country. Our societies, you remember, no longer meet yearly. Every other year. So I think they would want to have the International Meeting in 1922, because it is too expensive to travel to meetings so often."

Time flies so fast that these dates are not so far ahead as they sound. We must have a young delegation cross the Atlantic on our behalf next year if possible—up-to-date "Registered Nurses"—to take our greetings to the American R.N.'s, and in Council with them arrange for a Peace International. The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund will, no doubt, be represented. Nothing could be more educative than helping to finance a member of the League upon such an occasion—and the Fund has now a nice little nest egg.

When the third and fourth volumes of "A History of Nursing," were about to be published, Miss Dock, with characteristic generosity, wrote that she proposed to give any Royalty paid by the publishers, after the issue of a certain number, to the treasury of the International Council of Nurses, and added : "it ought to bring in quite a little income."

That prophecy seems likely to come true. A statement has just been received by Miss M. Breay, the Hon. Treasurer, from the publishers in New York, Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, of the present position of the sale of the History. The very satisfactory position is that the stage has now been reached when a Royalty will be paid henceforth, and, that for the past six months, for which a cheque is enclosed, amounts to 98 dollars (about £20). Carefully husbanded, as women know how to conserve their funds, the income thus placed at the disposal of the International Council of Nurses by the generosity of its Hon. Secretary should enable it to accomplish much good work.

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