

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

We hope soon to hear that the nurses of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association and the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association have united to form a Federated Council of Nurses which will be eligible for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses.

Although these two Associations include medical practitioners and only nurses are eligible for membership of the International Council of Nurses, it is quite within their power to appoint nurse delegates on to a conjoint National Council which can link up with the International Council.

It is very important that nurses should have their International organisation, just as the medical profession has, although there is now an International Red Cross Organisation. This should certainly include a professional nurses' section, but it can only be one of many component parts and can never take the place of the nurses' own International Council.

The Hon. Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses has received from Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons a cheque for 67 dollars 50 cents. (about £13 10s.), amounts accruing from the sale of the third and fourth volumes of "A History of Nursing" during the six months ending January 31st, and generously given by the editor, Miss L. L. Dock to the Treasury of the International Council of Nurses, of which she is the much beloved Hon. Secretary.

AMERICAN NURSES REJOICE WITH US.

Writing in the *American Journal of Nursing* under the heading of "The English Victory," Miss L. L. Dock says: "Our English sisters are happy with an exalted, almost religious happiness in having at last seen their long, difficult struggle of over thirty years—successful, justified, and rewarded.

On December 23rd, many of them were present in the House of Lords, where the announcement is made, in one of those stately and picturesque ceremonies which are a part of their national life, of the Royal Assent, or King's Will that bills shall become law. Our equivalent of this is the signing by governor or president. Mrs. Fenwick, who had led the long battle, wrote in the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* :—

The trained nurses whose high privilege it was to be present on this historic occasion, when with dignified ceremonial the King's Will was proclaimed, were filled with unutterable thankfulness that the goal towards which they had striven for so many years was attained at last, and that power was conferred on the profession of Nursing to fit itself to worthily fulfil its responsibilities to the community, which should be the aspiration of every registered nurse.

It was a day surcharged with emotions, a day which we thank God we have lived to see.

Miss Dock then gives a short synopsis of the powers of the General Nursing Council and concludes :—

"We rejoice with our old friends, and send them our warmest congratulations. This ending is a splendid justification of the principles they upheld so long against that worst and most subtle, most menacing power in the world, the power of organised and selfish privilege and wealth.

We do hope now that Mrs. Fenwick will write the history of the 'Thirty Years' War,' and there are two people especially, whose names must be entered there as unfailingly loyal and true, and as having been faithful from the first day to the last. They are Margaret Breay and Dr. Bedford Fenwick."

CONGRATULATIONS FROM CALGARY.

We have received with great pleasure the following letter and copy of Resolution from our colleagues of the Calgary Association of Graduate Nurses :—

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES.
Calgary, Alberta,
March 16th, 1920.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have been instructed to convey a resolution of congratulation to you, and to the Royal British Nurses Association from the Calgary Association of Graduate Nurses, Calgary, Alta, Canada. We rejoice with you that you have successfully placed the profession of nursing on the Statute Books of England, and wish you all success in the formation of the Working Council.

Very truly yours,

JESSIE G. DAVIS, R.N. of Alta,
Conv. Sec., Cal. Assoc. of Grad. Nurses.

RESOLUTION.

"That we, the Calgary Association of Graduate Nurses, Calgary, Alta, Canada, desire to extend to you, the Royal British Nurses' Association, and to the Registration Council, our hearty congratulations on the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill for England. We wish you all success for the future, and trust that all qualified nurses will take advantage of the Act and register, thereby showing their appreciation and gratitude for the hard work done by a few nurses, in the face of much strenuous opposition by members of the profession of nursing, governors of hospitals, and, no doubt, many others."

M.A.B. NURSES UNIFORM.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board has adopted as part of the uniform of its Nursing Staff an apron with the high round bib for Assistant Matrons, Superintendent Nurses, and Head Nurses; and for other grades an apron with the usual square bib.

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