

## CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I am directed by the President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses to convey to you the hearty congratulations of the nurses of Canada, on the passage of the Nurses' Registration Bill. The courage, determination, and self-sacrifice displayed by the British Nurses in their struggle to obtain professional recognition will remain an abiding example and inspiration to their sisters in all parts of the world.

Very cordially yours,

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## AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

Short, simple and deeply impressive was the ceremony, says *The Canadian Nurse*, which took place in the wide corridor just outside the Legislative Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, when the memorial tablet to the memory of the nurses of the Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, England, who gave their lives during the war, was unveiled by Major Margaret C. MacDonald, R.R.C. Matron-in-Chief of the Canadian overseas military forces.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and his family and many persons of note attended the ceremony.

Present for the occasion were the near relatives of the heroines whose names appear on the tablet: Nursing Sister Mary McKenzie, formerly of Toronto, who was drowned in the sinking by the enemy of the hospital ship *Llandoverly Castle*; Nursing Sister S. E. Garbutt, who went overseas for service in June, 1917, and died of cancer the following August; Nursing Sister M. Lowe, of Binscarth, Manitoba, who was killed during the bombing outrages at Etaples in May, 1918; Nursing Sister D. H. Baldwin, who died as a result of wounds received during the enemy raids at Doullens, France, in May, 1918; and Nursing Sister M. E. Greene, who died of double pneumonia, at No. 24 British General Hospital, Etaples, France, in October, 1918.

Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, former Minister of Education, read the memorial service and dedicated the tablet, erected by the matron and nursing sisters of the Orpington Hospital unit "to the glory of God and in loving memory."

The tablet, of brass, mounted on an ebony frame, has been placed on the wall immediately to the east of the entrance to the Legislative Chamber.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

At the Nursing Conference held at Atlanta, U.S.A., last month, the following officers of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses were present and conferred:—Miss Jean Gunn, President, Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, who acted as secretary *pro tem.* and kept the Minutes in the absence of Miss L. L. Dock; Baroness Mannerheim, National Council of Nurses of Finland; Miss Charlotte Munck, of the Danish National Council, and Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N., President of the American Nurses' Association.

Applications for federation with the International Council were received from National Associations of Nurses from Belgium, Italy, and Norway, which can only be finally accepted in full meeting.

The members felt it was too soon to plan for an International Congress; they thought the world situation is not yet sufficiently settled, and that it will be well to wait until all countries have returned to a more tranquil state.

Meantime the next biennial of the American Nurses' Association will occur in 1922 on the Pacific Coast in Seattle, and it immediately occurred to Miss Dock that perhaps the Americans could invite informally there, the Far Eastern members who cannot easily come to distant meetings—Australians, New Zealanders, Indian, Japanese and Chinese nurses. Miss Dock writes: "This picture filled me with lively joy, and I anticipate having a very delightful occasion in Seattle with the nurses from across the Pacific Pond! Doesn't that seem attractive and easy? So in spite of the Minutes I look forward to a *semi* meeting. Perhaps dear Hester Maclean could come and Miss Gretta Lyons."

The Minutes record the conclusion that the next regular Congress should be held in some neutral country or in the eastern part of the United States.

One item of information gives us "lively joy"—Miss Dock will remain Hon. Secretary of the International Council until its next Meeting, which will be a notable one for us, as we shall meet our colleagues as duly registered professional women.

A meeting of retired members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. and demobilised members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve and of the Territorial Force Nursing Service will be held in the Grand Hall, St. Thomas's Hospital, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 3 p.m., to elect a representative to serve on the sub-committee of the United Services Fund. It is hoped to obtain a grant from the Fund for the benefit of the members of these Services.

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