

America and many European countries, and China, composed a far-reaching Federation of Trained Nurses which met in conference triennially, and had already accomplished work of the utmost value for humanity.

At the last meeting of the International Council twenty-three Countries were represented, and upwards of 1,000 delegates attended. The next meeting was to be held in Helsingfors in 1925, and she hoped Glasgow, as the hostess of Scotland, would offer hospitality to the International Council at an early date.

Mrs. FENWICK concluded by thanking the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League for its delightful hospitality to its guests, and described the Reunion as one of the most inspiring meetings of nurses she had attended in forty years.

The Chairman.

MISS RIACH, proposing this Toast, expressed her pride in being selected to do so. The popular Toast of "Mrs. Strong" required no speech from her, but she only wished to say how proud the nurses were to be associated with the "Royal" in her days. She considered this to be the first Toast of the evening.

Mrs. STRONG, speaking in her wonted good form, reminded the nurses of her yearly custom of giving them a "thought" when she spoke to them on New Year's Day. The "thought" she gave them to-night was from Joseph Conrad—"the consciousness of the worth and force of our inner life," which she characterised as individuality. This was the thought she wished the nurses to take away, and it would shape all their actions and create an atmosphere which would envelop them and give them a personality. Work could be noble or ignoble, just as the individual made it. Much strenuous work was needed, she said, before we were brought to the nearly perfect life, and no one need expect to attain more than that. She quoted, in conclusion, the words of a very old lady elected Senator of one of the States of America: "If only I can aid in making men and women lead cleaner, sweeter, and more wholesome lives, I shall be well satisfied."

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" in true Scottish fashion brought a memorable evening to a close.

Before parting with many hand clasps, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Donaldson were kept busy signing programmes, which members of the League intend to keep from year to year as mementos of these happy gatherings.

BONNE ANNÉE,

Bonheur, santé, richesses,
Plaisirs, joie et caresses,
Ce sont toutes les fleurs
Qu'au jardin de mon cœur.
Je cueille à votre adresse,
Pour en faire un bouquet,
Symbole des souhaits
Dictés par la tendresse,
Et que le Nouvel An
Vous envoie en présent.

THE COMING ELECTION OF THE G.N.C.

As far as at present known the Ballot Papers for the election of the thirteen nurses' representatives on the General Nursing Council are to be sent out from the Office by January 10th, and instead of only seven days we are to be granted a fortnight in which to return them. This short time, of course, disfranchises nearly every nurse residing outside the British Isles.

The Act provides that the sixteen direct representatives shall be elected "by the persons so registered at the date of election," so whether the election will be valid or not through disfranchising Registered Nurses, or by refusing to register the 802 applicants whose Papers were in order on December 15th, as recommended by Dr. Goodall, and his Registration Committee, and approved by the majority of the Council, is a very moot question.

THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

The twelve Independent Candidates whose names will be found on the Back Cover are still in the interests of the Whole Profession offering themselves for election.

They have not been nominated by any class or group of nurses, but come forward on their merits, and their policy—self-government, equality and justice for every registered nurse—is well known.

The six candidates who have served on the First Council have proved their sincerity by helping to promote just Rules, and by upholding the constitutional conduct of business, and in opposing partisan, depreciatory, and illegal methods as applied in numerous instances, and carried into effect by an unprofessional majority vote.

The twelve Independent Candidates, if elected will pursue the straight course—irrespective of social influence and self-interest.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE REDEEMER.

On February 12th, 1922, the names of four British nurses—Sisters Catherine Evans, P. Oakley Williams, A. Browne, and C. Baxter—members of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, W., selected by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, at the request of the Queen of the Hellenes to nurse Greek soldiers at the front in Asia Minor, were cited in the Order of the day by the Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army in Asia Minor, General Papoulas, who proposed that they should be awarded the Silver Cross of the Knights of the Royal Order of the Redeemer.

These beautiful Orders have now arrived. The four arms of the cross of equal length are united by a circlet of laurel leaves and behind it, also united to the laurel wreath is a second (St. Andrew's) Cross. At the centre of the cross is a crown surmounted by an angelic form.

The Order is suspended from a handsome ribbed and watered orange silk ribbon, with two narrow black ribbon lines, and enclosed with the Order is a second piece of ribbon for wearing on ordinary occasions.

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