

NURSES OF NOTE.

MAKERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

An outstanding personality amongst the Foundation Members of the International Council of Nurses is Miss Mary Agnes Snively, its first Hon. Treasurer, for over 25 years Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, and a former President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, which she did so much to establish.

It was a very great disappointment to Miss Snively not to be in London at the time of the Women's Congress in 1899 (when the International Council of Nurses was founded), but she attended the meeting of the Council in Buffalo, in 1901, as one of its Hon. Officers, the meeting in London in 1909, when she presided at the Session, "The Nurse in the Mission Field," in the Caxton Hall, and also by special permission of King Edward VII, accompanied by the Canadian Delegates, placed a magnificent wreath on the tomb of Queen Victoria, in the following words:—

"By the permission of his most gracious Majesty, King Edward the Seventh, it is our exalted privilege this afternoon, reverently to stand beside the tomb of the greatest of English monarchs, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India. As loyal British subjects, we recall with pride and satisfaction the grandeur and power of her kingdom, and the wonderful wisdom and progress which characterised her reign over many races and peoples, but above all these, we delight to remember the womanly gentleness of her character, and that every effort for the alleviation of human suffering found a ready response in her sympathetic nature. These qualities have for ever enthroned Queen Victoria in the hearts of her subjects, not only in England, but in her Dominions across the seas.

"In the name, therefore, of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, and as their representative, I most loyally and reverently place this tribute of heartfelt homage and undying devotion from the nurses of the Dominion of Canada on the tomb of our late beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria."

In 1912 Miss Snively attended the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Cologne, and presided at the Session of the Congress on "The Social Work of the Nurse."

It would give the younger generation of the nurses of the world immense pleasure if they had the opportunity of meeting Miss Snively at the meeting of the Council in Helsingfors in 1925, in connection with which will be held the first International Congress of Nurses which it has organized since 1912.

Miss Snively belongs to that company of altruistic women who have not only trained pupils in the Nursing Schools under their supervision who have carried far and wide the good traditions of those schools, but who also gave of their work, their money, their strength, in order that the foundations of the profession which they love so well should be well and truly laid.



MISS AGNES SNIVELY.

Founder Member and First Hon. Treasurer International Council of Nurses.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, of which Miss Jean Browne (Toronto) is now President has wonderfully developed in the last quarter of a century, and now includes some 75 self-governing associations of nurses. The Biennial Meeting is to be held in Hamilton, Ontario, from June 23rd-25th, and it will be followed by a Convention of the Members of the Canadian Association of Nursing Education, of which the President is Miss F. M. Shaw, McGill University, Montreal, from June 25th to 27th.

The *Canadian Nurse* states that the tentative arrangements are that a joint open meeting of the Canadian Association of Nursing Education and the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses will be held on Monday evening, June 23rd. The Final Session will be held on the afternoon of June 26th, thus allowing the members who wish to attend the Sessions of the American Social Service Conference time to reach Toronto for June 26th. We wish our Canadian colleagues a most successful and enjoyable meeting—conditions which we feel sure are assured.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

In a paper in the same journal, Miss Marie L. Thompson, Director of Social Service at the Vancouver General Hospital, expresses the opinion that a Social Service Department in a general hospital has become a necessary adjunct, and has proved its value many times over, both from the medical and economic standpoint. The Department in that Hospital includes a graduate of Public Health Nursing as a Director, an Assistant Director, pupil nurse and stenographer, and University Students of Public Health taking their field work.

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