

France, Switzerland, Japan, Poland, Greece, Serbia, Roumania, Bulgaria, and Turkey.

The Hon. Vice-President for Federated Australia, Miss S. B. McGahey, has died, and the Hon. Vice-President for Sweden, Miss Theresa Tamm, will not be able to attend, as she is chronically ill.

The Business Meeting will be most important, as our Constitution will be altered to suit the present demand, several countries will probably apply for affiliation, and a President, Treasurer, and Secretary for the following years shall be appointed.

A few countries have already sent their list of Delegates, and I am glad to say that the names are the most promising we possibly could wish to get. I shall welcome suggestions for subjects to be discussed at the different meetings. Please ask me all the questions you want to ask, and make all the suggestions you like, as we want the Congress to be as helpful and interesting to all nations as possible. Tell your nurses about it as soon as possible, so that they may begin to arrange for it already this summer. Concerning travelling expenses, it can at present only be said that we shall get considerably reduced rates from all places of the world, from where not less than 10 nurses are going together. Probably, different steamship companies, with which we at present are negotiating, will let steamers run at dates convenient for us, and from one or two places a special steamer only for nurses might be arranged for. To get all this prepared for in advance, please let me know at your convenience, and not later than October 15th, about how many nurses probably will attend from each country. Several trips after the Congress are also being planned for, with reduced rates for parties of not less than ten. These will include: Finland, the Scandinavian countries, France, England, Switzerland, Italy, etc. More detailed information will be available within a few months.

PRESIDENT VISITS LONDON.

During a recent visit to London the Baroness Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses, paid a visit to Headquarters, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., to discuss with the officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland matters in connection with the forthcoming Meeting of the Grand Council, I.C.N., and the Nursing Congress, to be held in Helsingfors in July, 1925.

It was reported that the British Council wished to have a Session on "Nursing Economics," and one to discuss the "Rôle of the Nurse in the Promotion of Peace." Mrs. Fenwick explained that pacifism was not their primary policy. It was recognised that standing armies, like the police of great cities, must be retained until the world reaches a more perfect state, and society gradually increases the custom of peacefully settling controversies. Nurses of all nations had recently come into close contact with the horrors of war, and the resulting and desperate misery which it entails, but that the furtherance of reasoned understanding between the nurses of all nations might be clearly defined in our international relations, and human amity promoted.

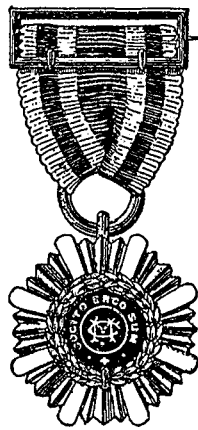
The Baroness Mannerheim, who has accepted the Chairmanship of the Advisory Committee on Nursing of the League of Red Cross Societies, returned to Paris after her visit to London.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE I.C.N.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation in London of the International Council of Nurses will fall on Tuesday, July 1st, 1924. Foundation members, and those associated with this world-wide organisation hope to dine together on this date. The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. L. Pearse, will be pleased to hear from those who wish to be present. Address, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



A Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held by the kind invitation of the Committee, and the Matron, Miss Priscilla Sanderson, at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex, on Wednesday, May 21st. Before the meeting the Members of the Council had the opportunity of seeing the wards and other departments of this fine hospital, which stands in an elevated position, commanding lovely and extensive views over the surrounding counties. As one approaches the hospital one realises the value to the patients of the spacious grounds, with their beautiful trees and flowering shrubs, and the delight of gorgeous masses of flowers, wallflowers golden and brown, blue forget-me-nots, and other spring flowers, making a feast of colour at the present time.

The members were received by Miss Sanderson at the entrance to the administration block, from which there is a fine vista through the spacious hall, with its bright dado of bricks of a charming shade of green, characteristic of the hospital, to the garden on the other side. On either side of the administration block extend two long wings, one of wards for men and the other for women, opening on to wide terraces by French windows set wide. On the terraces many of the patients sit, or lie, on comfortable chairs and couches, or walk about, a very happy family. The whole atmosphere is that of a cheerful home the members of which are well content, the children's ward being a specially happy place.

On the first floor the ward windows open on to a wide balcony which serves the same purpose as the terrace below.

Time was all too short to see the operating theatre, the great kitchen, the laundry, which—rather unusually—is on the first floor, over the power house, where the workers were busy ironing, with "gas-irons," and the latest addition to the hospital, the light treatment department, for dealing with surgical cases of tuberculosis in children, which has already accomplished much good work. It is interesting to note that the children are not put into "goggles" as it is feared that they might move them, and so leave the eyes injuriously exposed to the strong light, but thick pads are tied over their eyes during the exposure.

The beautiful chapel, erected by the donor of the hospital, Mr. Charles Rudd, at a cost of £9,000, with the mortuary underneath the side chapel at the east end, is one more instance of the thoughtfulness and completeness of the provision for the welfare and comfort of the patients and staff.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At four o'clock the business meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C.

Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that in connection with the letter sent to the Secretary of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley as to the employment of an adequate number of women police, a reply had been received that the matter was engaging the attention of the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police who would supply women police as necessary.

In connection with a deputation to the Home Secretary, introduced by Lord Astor—when the Matrons' Council was represented by Miss G. Lord—to urge the desirability of an

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