

Colony, think what a work it would be for the nurses there to make a Union for themselves, and know that there was an International Council to affiliate to. But if it is possible to go beyond Cape Colony, in distance of idea and motive, in Asia, in Africa, in some parts of Europe, in South America, there are countries in which the first steps have not been formed towards National Council movements. To my mind it is in these countries that a Nurses' Council would be most potent. And while at this point I see the possibility of your best work, just there I see also the possibility of your first menace. We must look what menaces success, in order that we may prevent what otherwise we may never be able to cure. In the constitution of the International Council of Nurses, which will build up an organization of the National Councils of Nurses in the different countries, there may be a feeling that they would come into the International Council of Women without relating themselves to the other work of the women in their respective countries. It is that point which I wish to make clear. A proposition has been brought forward in the International Council of Women, that organizations of women may come into that Council directly. Now, excluding anybody from anything, is the last thought that could ever enter my mind; it is not to exclude that I speak, but to include in an orderly manner. Therefore, when this proposition comes up, I think an amendment should be made to secure the favour of all countries, that whenever a nominally international organization proves itself to be really international, by the existence of its membership in various countries, it may be welcomed into the International Council, but only on condition that the respective national groups enter the respective National Councils of their own countries. Therefore, in the suggestion made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—for whose acute mind I have always felt admiration, and who has always seemed to me to be inspired by nobility of purpose—I see an opportunity here in England for you to bring about such an International Council of Nurses as will include nurses of all Schools of Practice, so to speak.

So I bespeak this suggestion for all bodies of nurses; and they will have such an attitude of sympathy to you of Great Britain that they will all feel themselves called to join first the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and then this Union. I wish the different nuclei of nurses in the great cities of my country all to be brought together; I wish the nurses of the villages and remote places not to think themselves barred out by being in scattered hamlets or beside mountain creeks, but to feel that they have united themselves with the common centre. So I bespeak for Great Britain such a union of purpose and method as will bring you under the banner of social peace, so that you may make your appeal to the nurses of every nation in the name of your own great profession at home. This movement can be started on this basis in Great Britain, and when the next Quinquennial Session arrives—wherever it may be held—there shall we find this most divine and most necessary of all professions amongst women with a united front, and its different national members incorporated in the different National Councils and with a seat in the International Council of Women of the World."

The Chairman then put Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's resolution to the meeting, and it was carried by acclamation.

MISS ISLA STEWART, in closing the meeting, said how very much obliged to Mrs. Fenwick they were for her suggestion.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK proposed a vote of thanks to the CHAIRMAN, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignations of the Matrons of two important provincial hospitals have been tendered, that of Miss E. M. Cummins, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and of Miss Carpenter Turner, Matron of the Royal Hants. County Hospital, Winchester. Both are training schools of repute, and with high traditions.

NURSING ECHOES.

For the future the private residential address of Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be 12, Barton Street, Dean's yard, Westminster. Dr. Fenwick will continue his consulting practice at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.1.

When it pleases the British workmen to vacate 12, Barton Street, and the Lares and Penates are located in their various niches, Mrs. Fenwick will intimate her friends, and hope to welcome them in her Queen Anne Doll's House under the shadow of Big Ben.

A Special Meeting of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, City and County of London, has been summoned at the Mansion House, on July 8th, to appoint an Hon. Secretary.

In order to lessen the strain which the use of ordinary bicycles imposes on the nurses who are serving in Highland districts, the Scottish Board of Health, as an experiment, have made special grants to three nursing associations to assist them in buying motor-cycles for their nurses.

By command of the Air Council a Syllabus of Training for Nursing Orderlies has been issued as a guide to medical officers and members of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service engaged in instruction, and to airmen under instruction. It has been designed so as to include the subjects in which training is required by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in order to enable airmen, who so desire, to take the examination for registration as male nurses.

Had the General Nursing Council performed the duty imposed upon it in regard to a prescribed Syllabus of Training in General Nursing, it would have been unnecessary for the Air Council to draw up this Syllabus, but as it has not done so it will no doubt serve a useful purpose. It may be purchased from His Majesty's Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2, price 2d. net.

The Nightingale Fund is offering two Scholarships, tenable for one year, at King's College for Women, Campden Hill, London, tenable in October, to assist holders in qualifying for higher posts in the Nursing Profession. They are open to any nurse trained in the Nightingale School, and possessing its certificate. The value of these Scholarships (including residence) is £130 guineas each, and a further payment of £30 is made for expenses.

Candidates are requested to make application to the Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, stating their age, the date of certificate held, and the nature of the work upon which they have been engaged since gaining their certificates.

Sir Wilmot Herringham, Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, speaking at the Meeting of the British Hospitals' Association on June 19th, on "The Training of Nurses," expressed the opinion that it was not surprising that educated women did not come in crowds into a poorly-paid and laborious

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