

NURSES OF NOTE.

MISS ANNIE WARBURTON GOODRICH, R.N., D.Sc.

We have received a copy of the 1924 Calendar issued by a Committee of Publication consisting of Isabel M. Stewart, Ada M. Carr, Florence M. Johnson, Mary M. Roberts, and Effie J. Taylor, which presents portraits and historettes of twelve leaders of American nursing in the United States of America. The Calendars of 1922 and 1923 presented some of the leading women who laid the foundations of professional nursing in America—women whose names are a household word in nursing circles on both sides of the Atlantic. The 1924 Calendar has a lovely picture on its cover, "A Glimpse of Yale University," the Harkness Tower and Memorial Quadrangle. In the Foreword it is stated:—

"One of the most significant movements has been towards university education for nurses, symbolised in the cover design of Yale University, where our newest educational experiment is just being launched, under the able leadership of Miss Goodrich."

Amongst the historiettes published is one of Miss Annie Warburton Goodrich, the first Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing, in which it is recorded that her professional career has been phenomenal in variety of experience—a quality of pioneer enthusiasm and a capacity for hard work in whatsoever field of endeavour claimed her. To these cardinal virtues have been vouchsafed great gifts, an inspirational genius in teaching and in public speaking.

Miss Goodrich has demonstrated an unusual ability to adapt teaching to the realities of life while cherishing the highest academic aspirations. Whether on platform or in committee or in conference, she inevitably suggests a torch, a spirit afire, and an apparently frail physique emphasizes this flaming attribute as a symbol of her genius. Though she seems to burn steadily she appears never to be consumed. Miss Goodrich, since her graduation in the New York Hospital in 1893, has received the recognition from her grateful colleagues which is her due. She has held all the highest official positions in the American Nursing World—President, League of Nursing Education; President of the American Federation of Nurses, also President of the American Nurses' Association, and President of the International Council of Nurses. Miss

Goodrich was one of the four American delegates to the International Council of Nurses meeting in London in 1909, and the impression made upon her colleagues gathered together from all over the world was one of profound admiration for her splendid altruistic and fearless spirit. That we shall all meet her again at Helsingfors next year is our earnest prayer.

But Miss Goodrich has world-wide interests outside her profession. The uplifting of women has her ardent support, and she is co-chairman with Miss Lavinia Dock, R.N., of the Nurses' Council of the National Women's Party, which is endeavouring to enlist the interest of every nurse in the United States in the Women's Party campaign for the Equal Rights amendment to provide legal equality for all American citizens.

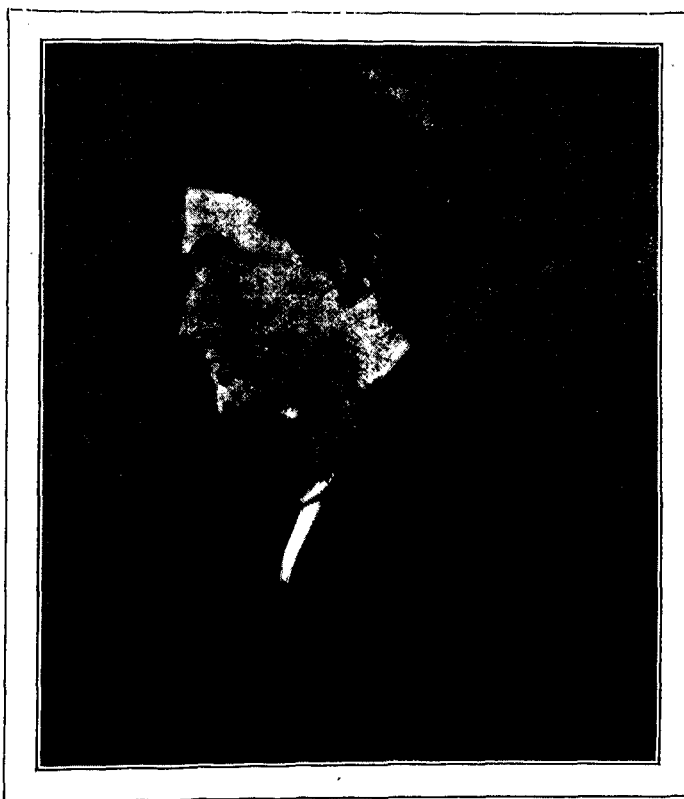
Miss Dock's appeal claims that industry should be humanised, and she writes, "I believe that nurses as a whole will be in sympathy with the Equal Rights Movement. Those who are imbued with faith in present welfare laws may reflect that legislation planned for the conserving of the public health is bound to be more and more the aim of a community of free and equal citizens. This legislation must in the future emphasise even more strongly the protection of maternity, which even now is in some countries definitely recognised as a service to the State and the race, and protected accordingly. . . . Miss Goodrich and I . . . invite nurses whose duties and inclinations enable them to help the movement to join it."

Such an appeal from these selfless leaders should commend itself to the world's nurses. We have the same problem before the Legislature in Great Britain.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

As the International Council is, after the war, getting into its stride again, we would remind our American colleagues that in their nursing journals and other publications they usually refer to it as the International Council of *Nursing*, whereas our great Federation is an International Council of *Nurses*. Therein lies all the difference.

We have received a copy of the first *Bulletin* of the International Council of Nurses, which contains interesting items concerning the Council, and of events in the Nursing World.



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