

The Report referred to the welfare work done in Delhi to the fact that two Indian Nurses had come to the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in this country to complete their training, to the good work in connection with public health, and in teaching the dhais, done by Miss Edris Griffin and Miss Graham, whereby infant mortality had been greatly lessened; to the desire for State Registration, and the need felt for a full time secretary.

BELGIUM.

Miss Jeanne Hellemans, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses, stated that since the last Congress of the I.C.N., the Belgian Federation of Trained Nurses had been affiliated to the International Council. Her Majesty the Queen was much interested in its work, and had sent a delegate to a meeting held in Brussels. Nurses in Belgium had State Registration, a National uniform, Old Age Pensions, and an official organ of the Federation.

CHINA.

The Report of the Nurses Association of China was presented by Miss Cora Simpson, in the absence of the President, Miss Gladys E. Stephenson. It stated that the N.A.C. was one of the younger members of the I.C.N., but that it was confidently expected that China would one day lead the world. There was a saying that the Creator had ravaged earth and heaven to make this land beautiful.

The Report referred to the effort being made by the N.A.C. to build a Headquarters and also stated that when the General Secretary assumed her duties that it was decided she should visit the Nurse Training Schools. At present there are 100 registered schools, but many more are working up to the Association's standard. The subjects are the same for men as for women, and about 1,000 graduates now hold the diploma. The bamboo is their emblem, and they desire to have an International Hymn. These Chinese graduates are the hope, joy, pride, and crown of their teachers, and it is anticipated that at a day in the not far distant future all their nursing problems will be handled by them.

Reports were also presented from Italy, on behalf of Egte Pilstrini, from Norway by Miss Bergliot Larsson, from South Africa by Miss B. G. Alexander on behalf of Miss Thomson, from the Hon. Vice-Presidents of the Council in Japan by Miss Iku Todoriki, on behalf of Miss Take Hagiwara, from Sweden by Miss Bertha Wellin, and from Switzerland by Sister Frenndweiler on behalf of Miss Emine Oser, to which we hope to refer again.

We have received from Dr. Leo Ehrnrooth, President of the Town Council of Helsingfors, his card enclosed in an envelope so small and so dainty that it is hard to believe it has travelled safely so long a distance. It is, we conclude, an acknowledgement of the copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING containing his address on the opening night of the Congress, and we thank him for his courtesy.

DISTINGUISHED CONGRESS MEMBERS.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, First Vice-President.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N., who was elected First Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses, is, as our readers are aware, Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, and an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*. Her portrait with a notice of her career appeared in our July issue.

Miss Jean I. Gunn, Second Vice-President.

Miss Jean I. Gunn, R.N., Graduate of the School of Nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, in which hospital she has also held staff positions, has been elected second Vice-President. She has had experience of hospital Social Service work and Public Health Nursing in New York, and has been Assistant Superintendent of the Memorial Hospital, Morriston. She has been Superintendent of Nurses at the Toronto General Hospital since 1913, Secretary of the Canadian Nurses Association from 1914—1917, and President of the Association from 1917—1920.

Miss Jeanne Hellemans

Miss Jeanne Hellemans, President of the "Federation Nationale des Infirmières Belges," and member of the Town Council of Malines, is one of the great promoters of the Catholic feminine movement in Belgium.

From her youth, Miss Hellemans felt an irresistible attraction to the suffering poor, and to nursing. This tendency grew more intense during her education in England, where she came in contact with devoted and well-trained nurses, whose life of real charity impressed her deeply. Full of admiration for them, she resolved to get footing in their ranks. This generous resolution, however, was strongly opposed by her relatives, and especially by her father and mother. Jeanne was their only daughter, and they dreamed for her of a more brilliant career.

But Providence watched. Scarcely had the Red Cross organised the "first aid" lessons, than Miss Hellemans attended the lectures with great assiduity. Later on she passed the State examinations in Nursing.

For twelve years she directed social work.

In 1914 she helped, as head nurse, to organise the field hospital in Malines, and tended the wounded soldiers of Sempst and Aerschot. Later on she joined the Belgian Army at the foundation of the Military Hospital of Petit-Fort-Philippe, where she made herself useful as head nurse in different wards. She remained there until it was closed in 1919.

On her return to Belgium she began the hard work of re-establishing the nurses' courses in Malines.

The "Arrêté royal" was published in September, 1921, and in October of that year she began the St. Elisabeth School for Nurses, on her own property. The pupils, all inmates, follow a course of 3 years' study. They have self-government, and are taught how to use their liberty, having as rule "duty"



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President National Association of Belgian Nurses.

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