

Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing, and it is hoped that other scholarships may be offered. The £200 covers tuition, residence in "International House" books, excursions, and incidental expenses, but not travel to and from London.

The students attend daily at Bedford College, Regent's Park for instruction, the full session being divided into three terms of ten or eleven weeks. In addition they spend two months in practical work and observation in hospitals, or with public health organisations, in August and September preparatory to the courses, and possibly also in the Easter holidays. It will thus be realised that the work is strenuous, but there is a four weeks' vacation at Christmas, and the students, it must be remembered, are picked women, imbued with the spirit of enterprise, or they would not leave their own countries to come to an unknown land, and those who have met the various groups cannot fail to have realised their earnestness of purpose, and their desire to make the very most of the opportunities afforded them, so that they may return to their own countries equipped in the best possible way to assume the most difficult role, that of the pioneer, ploughing often a lonely furrow.

Her thoughts will no doubt often turn to International House, and Bedford College, to the help she received in the direction of her studies from Mrs. Carter, to the comradeship of her fellowstudents, and the inspiration of an extraordinarily interesting period in her life. So she will

again take courage and go forward in the battle for the prevention of disease, for raising the standard of national health, or for organising the administration and teaching in Schools of Nursing on the best possible lines.

Those of us who had the opportunity of meeting some of these International Students at the Congress at Helsingfors, who have now returned to their own countries, realise the magnitude of the tasks which confront them, and with which they are dealing bravely and effectively.

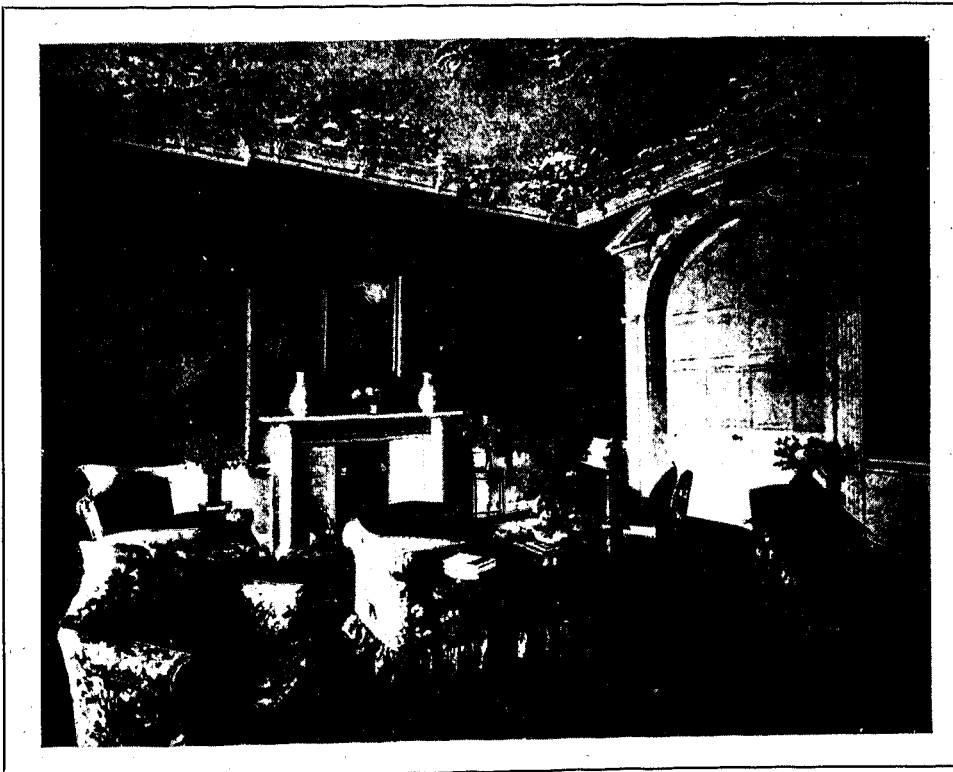
There can surely be no more satisfactory object for a life's work than, having equipped oneself by study and work to organise a Nursing School, where none exists, or to introduce modern methods where hitherto they have not been adopted. The work of a pioneer public health nurse is equally valuable. To one and all, in both groups, we wish God's speed, and success, in the important careers upon which they have entered.

THE MAINTENANCE OF NURSING STANDARDS.

Important decisions, says the *Red Cross Courier*, affecting the profession of nursing in the United States were taken at the recent Annual Meeting of the American National Red Cross.

"So closely is Red Cross nursing linked with every phase of the profession in the country that not a single important national organisation or other institution of magnitude concerned with this particular subject was unrepresented at the annual meeting of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service on December 5th. The departments of the Government having nursing services and representatives from the three national nursing associations, all leaders of wide experience in every aspect of nursing, including the University schools of nursing, had a voice in an important conference at National Headquarters that largely determines standards in nursing for the nation.

"Perhaps the outstanding point of discussion centred on the maintenance of the standards for admission to the Red Cross enrolment of nurses. . . . The National Committee, with the Chairman, Miss Clara D. Noyes, presiding, considered representations that had been made to lower standards so as to increase the number of nurses eligible for enrolment. After a lengthy debate it was decided that present standards must be maintained. The superintendents of the Nurse Corps of the Army, the Navy, the U.S. Public Health Service and the Veterans Bu-



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reau were unanimous. The tenor of their speeches was: The present Red Cross standard is a great help to maintain the standards in the civil service. If it is lowered we shall immediately have to lower ours with disastrous effect."

Rules laid down in the ruler's decalogue by a wise old Minister of a Sung Emperor:—

1. Fear Heaven.
2. Love the people.
3. Perfect virtue.
4. Study wisdom.
5. Favour merit.
6. Accept advice.
7. Reduce taxation.
8. Moderate punishments.
9. Avoid extravagance.
10. Ban self-indulgence.

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