

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

### THE NEW GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE N.A.C.

Miss Cora Simpson, R.N., General Secretary of the National Association of China, who acted as one of its delegates at the meeting of the I.C.N. in Helsingfors last year, where her forcefulness and capacity much impressed her colleagues, contributes to the "Quarterly Journal for Chinese Nurses" a warm appreciation of Miss Esther Hope Bell, S.R.N., who has now been appointed to act with her as General Secretary.

Miss Hope Bell, who was trained at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E., and is a Certified Midwife, has for fifteen years been Matron of the London Mission Men's Hospital, Hankow. She has been released from her duties there to take up her present appointment, and has entered on her new duties as General Secretary at the N. A. C. Headquarters office in Hankow. Miss Hope Bell is well qualified for this position, for, in addition to her professional training, she had a liberal general education, and holds certificates of both the British Chamber of Commerce and the Society of Arts in book-keeping.

Miss Simpson tells us that she was one of the famous Committee that met in Kuling in 1912 to start the N.A.C. on her upward way, and has also served as President of the Association from 1914 to 1915.

"Add to this splendid preparation and rich experience a charming personality, high ideals, and a strong unwavering faith in God and man, and we all agree that in Miss Hope Bell we have one of God's best gifts to our N.A.C.

"She is well known and loved among the older members, and the newer ones will have the opportunity to meet and know her at the Conference at Nanking.

"We pledge her our loyal support and whole-hearted co-operation, and extend to her a loyal welcome as she comes to our N.A.C. work.

"To know her is to love her."

What more heartening welcome could be extended to and by a colleague on beginning a new work?

When Miss Simpson was appointed General Secretary she undertook as part of her duties to visit the Registered Nursing Schools of the N.A.C. Here is her subsequent report to the Association:—

"Your General Secretary has travelled 2,500 miles, visited over 160 hospitals, delivered over 200 addresses, slept in over 400 beds, and written 30 articles and 5,753 letters. This

travel has carried her into almost every province in China and to the hospitals where our registered schools are established, besides many others. This travel has been done by train, all classes from first to box cars, all kinds of boats from ocean liners to family boats, launches, motor-boats, junks, houseboats, sail, foot, rice, rat, ferry boats, sampan and bamboo raft, street car, automobile, tin lizzies, carriages, rickshas, wheelbarrows, sedan chairs, donkeys, litter, horseback, and shank's ponies. In all kinds of weather, cold, heat, rain, snow, fog, sandstorms, and baking sun. Amid fighting, floods, disease, storms on land and sea and bandits, God has kept her safe and well and always opened the way so she could proceed to the places necessary.

Everywhere she has found hospitals wide open with nurses and doctors busy ministering to the needy ones, again proving that the N.A.C. is on her job all the time and everywhere. In our schools she has found eager-faced students [assembled in classrooms being taught our N.A.C. curriculum. It has been a rare joy to meet the nurses every where and to listen to their successes, hopes, and problems, and to try to bring to the isolated ones something of the vision of the wonderful work of our beloved N.A.C."

Members of the National Councils affiliated to the International Council of Nurses will learn with deep regret that the motor accident sustained by Baroness Mannerheim in the autumn was considerably more serious than was at first supposed, and will sympathise with her that she had to endure many weeks of inactivity and suffering. The news of her complete recovery is therefore the more welcome.

Miss Reimann is asking for complete files of National Council official organs. Thanks to the generosity and forethought of our late dear Miss Mary Cureton,

formerly Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, a Councillor of the International, the whole file (now not procurable) of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, in bound volumes, which is at 431, Oxford Street, London, will with other valuable literature be sent to Geneva.

Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, who have met Sister Bergljot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association, at meetings of the International Council of Nurses, and have learnt to love her, will be sorry to know that she has been seriously ill for some months. Sister Bergljot's clear and sound views on professional matters and her fearless expression of them gain for her the respect and admiration of her colleagues.



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