

with a small vestibule. From the two front windows, there is a charming view of the end of the Lake, where the Rhone flows out, with the Pont du Mont Blanc and Rousseau's Isle. The remaining windows look out over the little Place du Lac. The position is central, and, thanks to the excellent service of tramways, is within easy reach of all parts of the city, while the Quai, from which steamers leave in summer for all the various towns on the borders of the Lake, is just over the bridge.

My first object in visiting the Office, was to go into certain matters of expenditure with Miss Reimann, in preparation for the auditing of the accounts of the I.C.N., and to talk over financial matters. Miss Reimann also showed me the system on which the correspondence is being carried on with all the various standing Committees, with the National Associations which compose the International Council, and with many bodies which appeal to the office for information. The correspondence is already considerable and entails a good deal of translation. Every sort of information, historical, educational, &c., connected with the Nursing Profession, is being collected and filed for reference.

The magazines issued by the Nurses' Associations of the different countries are collected here, and already quite a good start has been made with the formation of a library. Very valuable gifts have been made of complete issues, covering many years, of some of the nursing journals, a particularly acceptable contribution being that sent by the President of the National Council of Great Britain. [THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—ED.] Miss Reimann hopes in time to complete the files of those which are at present incomplete.

The quarterly magazine, the I.C.N., is a large part of Miss Reimann's work, and the filing and tabulating (when time allows), of much material already collected, more than fills up any spare moments there may be when the correspondence and I.C.N. are disposed of. Indeed, Miss Reimann has recently found it necessary to engage an extra assistant, as well as Miss Meek, whom many will remember at Helsingfors, in order that the work should not get into arrears. She is now working out the details for the interim meeting of the Board of Directors and the Conference, which is to be held in July next (27th to 30th), the programme for which will be published shortly. The Directors will be able to hold their meetings in the larger office, and it is hoped that the Conference may be held in the University. It is also hoped that many nurses from this country will arrange to take their holiday in July and spend part of it at the the Conference, especially as the next regular meeting of the International Council in 1929 will not be held in Europe. When the business is over, there are many delightful excursions to make, on foot, by tram or omnibus, by rail, charabanc or steamer, and some effort will be well repaid

by the widening of mental outlook and of interest in the profession, which result from an International gathering having social as well as educational meetings. To those who may decide to go, I might mention that the Association des Interest de Geneve have issued some small pamphlets for the information of foreign visitors. One entitled "Eight Days in Geneva," gives details of a number of the smaller excursions together with a street map of Geneva, which might be carefully studied before arrival. The numbers of the tramway routes, the situations of the various public buildings, hotels, &c., are shown on the map, and enable anyone easily to find the way about this small, but interesting city. As the tram fares are high compared with those to which we are accustomed, a little careful study will save a good many pence. This pamphlet, with other information, may be obtained, *gratis*, at the Swiss Federal Railways

Official Agency in London, Carlton House, 11B., Regent Street, Waterloo Place, S.W. On no account should anyone omit the little excursion by tram and "rack and pinion" railway up Mont Salève, from the summit of which is seen a glorious view of the Mont Blanc range, with wide and fertile plain below.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

E. M. MUSSON.

"Fairholme,"

Pevensey Bay,

Pevensey, Sussex.

February 24th, 1927.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association (19, Parnell Square, Dublin) was held on Friday, February 18th, at the Nurses' Club, 54, Fitzwilliam Square (by kind permission).

A most interesting and highly instructive lecture was delivered by Dr. F. Purser, M.D., on "Encephalitis."

Miss Gregory, President, who presided, introduced the Lecturer in a few well-chosen words.

Many Nurses wrote regretting their inability to be present, especially as the lecture delivered was of keen

interest to the post-graduates as well as to those in training.

On the motion of Miss Reeves of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Purser; Miss Jackson, R.G.N., and several others present also expressing their pleasure and warm appreciation of the lecture.

Dr. Purser answered many questions put to him by the members in regard to his lecture.

Tea was then served, and the Nurses spent an hour in sociable conversation.

G. MACWILLIAM, R.G.N.,

Secretary.

The Filipino Nurses' Association now publishes a quarterly magazine, *The Filipino Nurse*, the editor of which is Miss Rosa Militar, General Hospital, Manila.



MISS ELLEN BIRCH,

As a "Four-Wheel" Cabby,

As she appeared at the Carnival Dance for the National Council of Nurses.

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