

Robb; Great Britain in 1910 lost in Isla Stewart a courageous and far-sighted leader, who was present at every International meeting during her lifetime; in 1927 Agnes Karll, the most forceful character who has arisen in the Nursing World in Germany, passed away, and now Baroness Mannerheim, whose influence reached far beyond the borders of Finland which she loved so well. It remains for those who have benefited from their public spirited work to carry it to still greater fruition.

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK,
Founder and Hon. President,
International Council of Nurses.

THE MONTREAL MEETING.

From the current issue of *The Canadian Nurse*—the official organ of the Canadian Nurses' Association—we gather that our Canadian cousins are already alert as to the organisation of the meeting of the International Council of Nurses to be held at Montreal in the summer of 1929. How rapidly the months slip by we can realise when we can now refer to "next year" as International year. Canada is naturally alive to the necessity of keeping up the standards of former International gatherings—and there is no doubt she will do it—if she does not go "one better."

Buffalo 1901, Berlin 1904, Paris 1907, London 1909, Cologne 1912, and Helsingfors 1925, have all been wonderful gatherings, each with some special national feature of its own, and the meeting at Montreal will, we feel, sure be a splendid reunion of the nurses of the world.

Canada is thus early counting the cost, and realises that success must be based on sound financial management. There will be no difficulty about that in this wonderfully progressive country where nurses are held in high esteem. Well do we remember our last visit there in 1901. From the moment we stepped on shore at Quebec, at Montreal, Toronto and elsewhere, our party found themselves honoured guests of hospitals, or newspapers, or in private houses and the pleasure and marvellous interest of that visit is still vividly impressed on our mind.

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain meets on February 6th, when a sub-committee is to be elected to deal specially with the meeting of the International Council in 1929—and which, it is anticipated, will be actively engaged in organising the part to be taken by our National Council in the International meeting, and in facilitating the arrangements for travel, hotels, etc.

We advise every nurse who can possibly attend the Congress to make every effort to do so, and to begin to save at once for what will be a wonderful trip and delightful experience.

The official transport arrangements will be considered by the Executive Committee on the 6th, and it is hoped to make plans at an early date—in accordance with the suggestions of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and agreed to by the Board of Directors I.C.N. at Geneva.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W., on February 6th. It will be just too late for us to report the business transacted in this issue, but the Agenda includes interesting and important items.

Those members of our National Council who are planning

to attend the Congress convened by the International Council of Nurses to meet in Montreal next year, will be interested to know that a representative of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son (Travel Agents) will attend, and give the Committee information as to the probable cost of the journey across the Atlantic and back, and of extensions in Canada, etc., so that in our next issue we hope to give definite information on these points.

It was agreed by the Board of Directors at Geneva, upon the suggestion of the Canadian Nurses Association, that the travelling arrangements should be entrusted to Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Isla Stewart Library at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Treasurer and Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have most generously allotted valuable ground on which to erect the Isla Stewart Library, as part of the New Home for Nurses. Towards this building the Nurses' League collected a considerable sum of money, which was handed to the Governors, and which now, by their careful investment, has more than doubled itself, so that the handsome sum of £4,260 is available for the building, fitting and decorating of the Library.

In response to the courteous invitation of the Treasurer and Almoners for suggestions as to the interior decorations, furnishing, etc., a sub-committee of the League has been formed to consider the matter.

This committee met for the first time at the Matron's House on January 27th, when Miss Helen Dey, matron, was unanimously elected to the chair. After carefully considering the plans, the architect, Mr. Matthews, attended and gave information concerning construction, etc., and kindly replied to questions on various details to enable the committee to form a practical opinion. Further plans will be submitted incorporating suggestions, so that a wise decision as to the best plan to adopt may be agreed. The committee consists of Miss Helen Dey, matron, Miss Baines, assistant matron, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, formerly matron, Miss B. Cutler, formerly assistant and deputy matron, Miss E. M. Musson, formerly assistant matron, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Cowlin, Miss MacCormac, Miss Marcon, Miss Villiers, and ex-officio, Mrs. Matthews, governor, and Nursing Home Committee, and Miss Lowe, librarian.

It must give sincere satisfaction to all those who personally knew the late Miss Isla Stewart, to anticipate at an early date the opening of this lasting memorial of her twenty-three years' devoted service at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Indeed, the memories of few women have been more greatly honoured, and the members of the League which she founded owe a deep debt of gratitude to Lord Stanmore, the Treasurer, and the Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, for making it possible to associate the name of Isla Stewart with the great School of Nursing attached to this historic foundation.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A Special General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the Anatomical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.1, on Wednesday, February 29th, at 5.30 p.m., when a Resolution for the alteration of Clause 3 of the Constitution of the League will be submitted to the meeting for approval; by the President. The effect of this, if carried, will be to make Matrons and Assistant Matrons Life Members upon retiring.

If carried it is proposed to make the alteration retrospective, from January, 1927, and a second Resolution with this object will be moved by Florence Lady Baddeley.

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