

have thus based the Constitution on the fundamental principle, that a free and, therefore, a progressive community must be self-governing. The organization of the International Council is as simple as it is sure. The graduate nurse combines to form *Alumnæ Associations*; by delegation, these societies co-operate to form a National Association. The National Associated *Alumnæ*, in conjunction with the Superintendents' Society, federate to make a National Council, and the National Councils are eligible for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses. Thus, through gradual delegation, we provide that every graduate nurse becomes articulate in this International Council of Nurses. We have, in short, secured to our members professional suffrage, and order will thus be evolved out of chaos.

And yet, in making our Council mechanically perfect, let us remember that the vital force is of the spirit and not of the letter of the law. In a society which would be world-wide, which would include members of every race and creed, we must, while maintaining inviolate certain broad general principles which form our common bond of union, permit, nay foster, individuality in detail; authorising each country to apply these principles in a manner best suited to its own needs. In like manner every National Council will do well to encourage and develop the individuality of its members, for only so shall we utilise to the full the correlation of our forces, and make our Council a progressive power for good. Diversity of opinion is the very salt of life, and we shall do well to encourage rather than deprecate its expression.

The task to which we must first devote all our energies is the building up of National Councils of Nurses in every land. Let it be a labour of love. Ruskin says, "It is useless to put your heads together if you can't put your hearts together; shoulder to shoulder, right hand to right hand, among yourselves with no wrong hand to anybody else, and you'll win the world yet."

Into these Councils should be gathered, through various associations for mutual help and professional progress, every individual graduate nurse, and the chief work in European countries for many years to come will be the education of these graduates, in the immensity of human responsibility, which includes their duty towards their neighbour, other than their patient, and their duty to the State. All worthy progress of women and their work must spring from this sense of corporate existence, and reverence for political rights; associations of women, to be of any real value in the body politic must comprise mind as well as matter. We have experience that associated masses of women, devoid of the innate vigour of conscience, fall an easy prey to the unscrupulous, and retard rather than promote the intellectual advancement of their sex. Realise then the patience, the singleness of purpose, the fine courage, required by those who would sow the seed of high endeavour in the fallow fields of the nursing world. Indeed, it is a stupendous project, and will need the aid of hope, faith, and charity unbounded.

The inspiration is ours, let the effort be forthcoming, and order must result. "What the child admired, the youth endeavoured, and the man acquired."

National Councils of sentient beings alone can form an International Council of any worth; awaken and culti-

vate the senses of each individual graduate nurse, and let the result be never so slow, it will be sure, a weighty International Council of Nurses must be.

Hope is of the valley; Effort stands
Upon the mountain top, facing the sun;
Hope dreams of dreams made true, and great deeds
done;
Effort goes forth, with toiling feet and hands,
To attain the far off sky-touched table lands
Of great desire; and, till the end is won,
Looks not below, where the long strife begun
In pleasant fields, met torrents, rocks and sands.
Hope; but when Hope bids look within her glass,
And shows the wondrous things which may befall,
Wait not for destiny, wait not at all;
This leads to failure's dark and dim morass;
Sound thou to all thy powers a trumpet call,
And, staff in hand, strive up the mountain pass.

BART'S LEAGUE MEMBERS AT THE BUFFALO CONGRESS.

The Group of Bart's League Members at the Buffalo International Nursing Congress in 1901 which appears on page 146 is specially interesting as showing that more than a quarter of a century ago the value of the training given to nurses in this historic hospital was widely recognised, and that its nurses had sufficient enterprise to respond to the call for their services from far afield.

Thus, when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Cartwright visited Philadelphia they found Bart's League members in charge in the three largest hospitals. Miss Lucy Walker, Superintendent of Nurses at the great Pennsylvania Hospital, built, we are informed, of bricks taken out from England, and where after a visit from Lafayette the gates through which he passed out were immediately locked and not re-opened for 100 years or more; Miss Milne, Superintendent of Nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, and Miss Maud Banfield, Superintendent of the Polyclinic Hospital itself.

THE EXHIBIT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AT THE MONTREAL CONGRESS.

The Exhibit of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at the Montreal Congress promises to be very interesting. As we last month reported, dolls dressed in the exact uniforms of the Military, Territorial and Air Force Nursing Services have been sent by the Matrons-in-Chief of these Services. Miss Lloyd-Still is taking interesting articles belonging to Miss Florence Nightingale, and the collection from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, of which Miss Musson, Chairman of the Council, is taking charge, is particularly effective and includes a doll correctly dressed in the State uniform, indoor and outdoor, the silk and washing ribbons used on the uniforms, the woven badges, the buttons of various sizes used on the uniform, for both men and women, and the silver and blue enamel badge, all enclosed in handsome cases under glass. There is a fine impression of the Seal of the Council. Also in a glazed case, a copy of the State Register for 1929, the Nurses' Act for England and Wales, and a complete set of the Rules and other documents published under the authority of the Council.

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