

confidence that they willingly hand over the care of the sick one to her.

This gift—for gift it is—though it grows by cultivation, enables the nurse without unnecessary questions to give the drink at the needed moment, to lower or raise the blind for added comfort, to re-adjust without being asked the pillow for the aching back, to be sure the table is replaced to a convenient angle, and the bell not left out of reach, etc.

There is also that big care—the human care. That care that keeps the patient comforted and comfortable, that allows when permitted a certain amount of knowledge of household affairs or business, and encourages any effort at self-amusement. That care that helps the patient to feel that though laid aside for the time being, she or he is still an important factor in the scheme of things, and when the convalescence is a long one this care is not always the simple thing it seems.

Now a few words about the nurse who undertakes this care. We all know that for long private duty nursing was not in a forefront rank as a branch of our profession, but under the changing condition of medical and nursing work, it is, I consider, one of the most important branches of nursing, and calls for the highest qualities and qualifications in the nurse. It hardly needs re-stating that for all branches of the work the nurse should be well-educated and the one who contemplates taking up private duty nursing should endeavour to further equip herself for the very varied work she may find awaiting her. By so doing, not only will her aid be much more valuable, but the interest and enjoyment of her life will be greatly enhanced. The private duty nurse goes often with only a few hours' respite from one type of patient to another of totally different personality in a totally different environment, and may be called upon not only for different physical aid but for an entirely different kind of mental stimulus to that she had been called upon to give only a short time before. To her credit, she usually succeeds, the proof of this is the fact that those who do not stand out like sore thumbs, and are subjects of much comment where two or three ex-patients are gathered together.

Were it only the unsuccessful ones who were commented upon, it would be a tragedy for our profession, and it is for the private duty nurse to continue to prove by her nursing care how important this branch of nursing is.

Lastly, the care of the patient in private duty nursing affords great scope for teaching. The trend of medical and nursing work is more and more towards prophylactic treatment, and the private duty nurse has wonderful opportunities for unobtrusive lessons, not only in nursing, but in mental and physical hygiene, dietetics, etc., all of which lead to the Royal Road to Health.

I would like every nurse, particularly every private duty nurse, to read Dean Goodrich's foreword in the 1927 magazine of the Yale University School of Nursing. Dean Goodrich writes, "Accepted as indispensable in the field of remedial medicine and heralded as an essential worker in the field of preventive medicine, a great adventure awaits the nurse, intensely individual in its contacts, international in its scope. In the world-wide crusade for universal health, her post is epitomised in the trenchant demand for the humanising knowledge, for the programme demands of her the dual function of practitioner of nursing and teacher of health."

An important letter from Miss M. A. Nutting, in reference to the Florence Nightingale Memorial was considered by the Grand Council of the I.C.N. at Montreal. It was agreed: (1) To circulate the letter to the Active Members; (2) to appoint a Committee to consider it; and (3) to thank Miss Nutting for the letter, and to say that it would receive most careful consideration. The letter was referred to the new Board of Directors.

## APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE I.C.N.

At the last meeting of the new Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, Mlle. Chaptal, President, in the Chair, the following Standing Committees were appointed:

### Membership.

Miss Clara D. Noyes (chairman), Miss Bergliot Larsson, Miss Mabel Hersey.

### Programme.

Miss Jeanne Hellemans (chairman), Miss Cecile Meche-lyneck, Miss J. de Joannis, Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Charlotte Munck, Miss S. Lillian Clayton, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

### Publication.

Miss Bertha Wellin (chairman), Miss B. G. Alexander, Miss Mary Roberts, Miss Hester Maclean, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Cowlin, Miss Victoria Pon.

### The Revision of Constitution and By-laws.

Miss Jean Gunn (chairman), Miss Lillian S. Clayton, Miss Emma Astrom.

### Finance.

Miss E. M. Musson (chairman), Miss Jean Browne, Miss Andrea Arntzen.

### Florence Nightingale Memorial.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (chairman), Miss A. Lloyd Still, Miss Carrie M. Hall, Miss Mabel F. Gray, Miss Isabel M. Stewart, Miss Kerstin Nordendahl.

### Education.

Miss I. M. Stewart (chairman), Miss A. Lloyd Still, Miss Bertha Harmer, Miss Aino Durchman, Miss Meyboom, Mrs. Bennie, Miss Goodacre, Miss J. Bicknell, Miss Agnes Chan, Miss Bergliot Larsson, Miss N. Sendova, Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Rachel H. Lobo, Miss K. Carava, Miss N. Bovolini, Miss Kerstin Nordendahl, Miss Alice Reeves.

On the motion of Miss Noyes, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to obtain from the active members—the National Associations—the names of their representatives not yet sent in so that the Committee might be fully organised.

### Public Health Nursing.

Miss Mary S. Gardner (chairman), Miss Helen Pearse, Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Miss Tynne Luoma, Miss M. Kehrer, Miss S. Lillian Clayton, Miss A. Bagley, Miss Li Li Ying, Miss Karen Moe, Miss B. Christova, Mlle. Hervey, Miss Zulema C. Amado, Miss M. Zacca, Miss Koliervoc, Miss Bertha Wellin, Miss Romanowska.

The Chairman said that further nominations from the various countries would be accepted.

### Private Duty Nursing.

Miss J. de Joannis (chairman), Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss Jean A. Doyle, Miss Clara Brown, Mrs. Lackstrom, Miss Verway Mejan, Miss Lancaster, Miss Victoria Pon, Miss Clara Meyenberg, Miss Pachedjjeva, Miss Maris C. Pamphiro, Miss M. Chrysakij, Miss Wagner, Miss Greta Mueller.

### Mental Nursing and Hygiene.

Mrs. Neuman-Rahn (chairman), Miss E. L. Macaulay, Miss Elnora Thomson, Miss Emma de V. Clarke, Miss Jacobson, Miss Stephenson, Miss Inga Lie, Miss Tzacova, Mlle. Viellet, Miss Fitzpatrick, Miss Babicka, Miss Marie C. Bibeira, Miss Diamese, Miss Benchan, Miss Signe Hemmerberg.

### Special Committee on Ethics.

Miss Munck (chairman), Miss Clayton, Mlle. Hellemans.

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