

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The *International Nursing Review* for March is fully up to the standard of its predecessor, and not only serves to maintain a living warmth of friendship between the Nurses in the countries affiliated in the International Council of Nurses, but contains a wonderful amount of information collected from all parts of the world, and many interesting illustrations.

The third (and last) instalment of the History of the International Council of Nurses, by Miss Margaret Breay, in collaboration with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, carries the history to the end of the Executive Meeting in Copenhagen in 1923; and with the establishment of a Headquarters in Geneva, and a paid secretarial staff, after the meeting of the Grand Council in Helsingfors in 1925, facilities became available for the publication of official reports from Headquarters.

### New Nursing School at Santander.

We observe the following note on the new Nursing School at Santander, to which reference has been made in this Journal:—

Last autumn a School of Nursing was established in connection with the opening of the splendid new hospital "Casa de Salud Valdecilla" (Valdecilla Health House), the gift of the Marquis Valdecilla and one of the largest general hospitals in Spain. This School is, as far as we know, the third school of nursing, according to modern ideas, in Spain, the two others being in Madrid.

Dr. Manual Usandizaga, who has studied in the U.S.A., is the Director of the School; he is assisted by a lady doctor, Teresa Junquera, who passed through a nursing course of the French Red Cross in Bayonne in 1911, and in 1927 obtained her medical degree at the University of Madrid. She has spent a short period in some of the schools of nursing in London.

The course is to be of three years. According to plans made, much emphasis will be laid on an all-round practical training, for which the hospital, with its excellent up-to-date equipment and provision of all possible departments, will provide an admirable opportunity. It is proposed to make arrangements later for post-graduate courses in special branches of nursing.

No tuition fee is demanded. The students receive, besides board and lodging, books and other material required for their training free of charge. The first class consists of fifteen students.

### Welcome "International Nursing Review."

You come to us over the ocean and across the great continent in your more mature form and with a new name. The child I.C.N. is growing; she has taken on breadth and weight; her childish name has gone and now she is dignified by having a full title. We greet you affectionately and open our hearts to you as a messenger from many countries bringing us courage, inspiration, vision, good will and the friendliness of nurses of other nations.

There are also international current happenings from the countries of the affiliated associations which bring us a feeling of closer union with nurses around the world. Those so fortunate to have attended the Congress in Montreal last summer will find in reading this magazine that they will renew acquaintances made there; and those who had to stay at home will also prepare themselves to meet nurses of other countries at the Congress at Brussels and Paris in 1933.

Again, welcome, *International Nursing Review*, and may you continue to grow up.—*The Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing*.

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses was held on Monday, April 28th, in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Tea, 4.30 p.m. Meeting, 4.45 p.m.

There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair, Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. M. Musson and Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-Presidents, Miss Brownsdon, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochran, Miss Cox-Davies, and Miss E. L. Macaulay, Directors, and Miss H. Lamb, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

Miss B. Kent, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, Miss I. Macdonald, Private Nurses' League, Miss A. Cattell, Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

After the Minutes had been read and confirmed the President reported, with regret, the death of Miss A. W. Gill, C.B.E., R.R.C., a former Vice-President, who had always taken a deep interest in the international relations of the National Council.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were notified from Miss A. Lloyd-Still, President, Nightingale Fellowship, Miss E. F. Bickerton, President, Prince of Wales Hospital Nurses' League, Miss M. Ritchie Thomson, Director, Miss G. M. Simms, President, Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League, and Miss Gregory Smith, President, Scottish Matrons' Association.

### Correspondence.

Under correspondence the President brought forward a letter from Mr. J. J. Crosfield, containing a very kind invitation for a party of Nurses to visit Embley Park, Hants, on May 22nd, to view the gardens when the magnificent show of rhododendrons are in bloom, and to take tea at Embley Park. Arrangements were being made to travel by motor-coach, leaving 39, Portland Place, at 9 a.m. Romsey Abbey and the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale in East Wellow Churchyard would be included in the tour, and tickets, price 9s. would be obtainable at 39, Portland Place, W.1, if addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the National Council.

### Questionnaire from the International Council of Nurses.

A Questionnaire addressed to the Board of Directors, I.C.N., was reported on and discussed.

1. The question of the President of the hostess country being the International President was a matter on which there was some difference of opinion on the Board.

Mrs. Fenwick reported that from personal experience she was in favour of this arrangement.

2. The question of holding interim meetings for conference purposes between the quadrennial meetings of the I.C.N. was considered advisable, but no decision was taken about the next place of meeting.

3. On the question of meetings of the Board of Directors the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is strongly of opinion that the interval between the meetings of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses should not exceed two years."

A letter from Miss Bertha Wellin, Chairman, Committee on Publications, I.C.N., was read, urging active co-operation in promoting the interests of the *International Nursing Review*.

Miss Musson agreed that such a policy was necessary, as the *Review* was now issued every two months and the cost of production thus greatly increased.

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