

the good of nursing in all countries, Headquarters has only been able to do very little in this direction. Some of the research work done has been published in the *I.C.N.*; other information collected has been supplied to inquirers only.

Problems to be Met.

Going back to the time when our Headquarters was established in Geneva, in the autumn of 1925, the budget of \$4,000 provided covered all running expenses. As the work, however, increased very rapidly, we soon outran the budget. Even after the first six months in Geneva, extra help had from time to time to be provided; and in January, 1927, it was necessary to engage a second Assistant Secretary. Neither her salary nor a number of other expenses connected with Headquarters work were provided for in the budget, which, in January, 1928, was raised from \$4,000 to \$5,500. Even this amount has never covered running expenses, and the work is growing constantly. The amount required to meet general expenses, including routine and a certain amount of committee work, is estimated at \$8,000. The necessity for a radical change is apparent if the work is to be conducted on lines satisfactory to the member organisations, as well as to the nursing profession generally in the world.

In addition to the staff of a General Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries, included in this budget of \$8,000, it will be necessary in the near future to provide by some means or other, either a full-time editor of the magazine, or if this is impossible, an editorial assistant. Such a member of the staff could take over some of the burdens now on the shoulders of the Secretary of the Council—burdens which, as matters now stand, she is unable to carry satisfactorily.

LONDON HOSPITAL NURSES AND THE I.C.N.

It is with much pleasure that we publish the picture on this page of a group of nurses trained at the London Hospital, taken on board ship at Montreal by a representative of the Cunard Line at that port. Five photographs were sent to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, by Mr. Cunard, with the request that they might be forwarded to these ladies, who asked that they might each receive a copy, and this request has been complied with.

Why should not London Hospital Nurses form a League which would be eligible to enter into affiliation with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and so come directly into touch with the National and International Councils of Nurses?

A TRADITION OF THE I.C.N.

There still seems to be some confusion as to the tradition of the International Council of Nurses in regard to the organisation of International Congresses.

The idea of a great international gathering of nurses in celebration of the New Century originated with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and immediately the Hon. Officers of the International Council of Nurses were elected in 1900 a proposition from Miss L. L. Dock was considered and approved "that a committee be appointed from the Canadian and American members to make arrangements for a Nursing Congress next year."

The Buffalo Nurses' Association issued a cordial invitation to the International Council of Nurses to meet in Buffalo in September, 1901, and to hold a Nursing Congress at the same time and place. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

In 1900 the International Council of Nurses was formed of individual members, as there were no National Councils of Nurses which could be affiliated.

In Buffalo Miss Isabel McIsaac, Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, presided over the Meetings of the Congress, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder and President of the I.C.N., at the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses.

1904.—*Berlin*. Congress organised by the Hon. Officers, presided over by the Founder and President of the I.C.N., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Three National Associations of Nurses affiliated, Great Britain, United States of America and Germany.

1909.—*London*. Congress organised by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, whose President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was President of the Congress.

1912.—*Cologne*. Congress organised by German Nurses' Association. Sister Agnes Karll, President of the Association, and of the I.C.N., President of the Congress.

1922.—*Copenhagen*. Meeting of Grand Council organised by Danish Council of Nurses, and Mrs. Henny Tscherning, President of the Danish Council, President of the I.C.N.

1925.—*Helsingfors*. Congress organised by the Finnish Nurses Association, Baroness Mannerheim, President of the Association, and of the I.C.N., President of the Congress.

1929.—*Montreal*. Congress organised by the Canadian Nurses Association. President of Congress, Miss Nina D. Gage, President, I.C.N.

1933.—*Paris*. Congress to be organised by the National Association of Trained Nurses of France. President of the Association, and President of the International Council of Nurses, Mlle. L. Chaptal,



Miss G. A. Drew, S.R.N. Miss Mabel Reynolds, S.R.N.
Miss E. L. Boag, S.R.N. Miss E. Power, S.R.N. Miss Sharp, S.R.N.

GROUP OF NURSES TRAINED AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL, EN ROUTE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES AT MONTREAL.

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