

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss C. Reimann, Secretary, I.C.N., informs us that :—
The German Nurses' Association (Berufsorganisation der Krankenpflegerinnen Deutschlands, 63, Hanauerstrasse, am Heidelbergerplatz, Berlin-Wilmersdorf), wish to make it known that in their Club they have reserved five rooms for the accommodation of foreign nurses passing through Berlin.

The Club is pleasantly and openly situated most conveniently next to an underground station, as well as other means of communication, street cars, etc. The price for a single room with modern conveniences, including running hot and cold water, is 5 R.M. a night. The prices for meals, which can be taken or not, as desired, are also very moderate.

The Association would be very obliged to you for making this information as widely known as possible, not least on account of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, which may attract many English nurses to Germany this year.

THE AUSTRALIAN NURSING FEDERATION.

The 1930 meeting of the Council of the Australian Nursing Federation, which met in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Hobart, Tasmania, in March, was evidently, as reported in *Una*, a very interesting assembly, and particularly so, as it was the first meeting to be held since all the States had adopted Nurses' Registration Acts. The frank discussion of the various difficulties, which took place should make for harmonious relations between the Branches and the State Registration Boards and also help towards a much-to-be-desired uniformity.

When we realise that the Commonwealth of Australia is the only important self-governing Dominion in which the Nurses are not federated on a basis which, up to the present, makes them eligible to join the International Council of Nurses, we are pleased to note that at last a real effort is to be made in this direction. The question of affiliation with the I.C.N. was discussed at Hobart, and to quote *Una*, Dr. Green considered that the members of the Australian Nursing Federation Council should be nurses, the President to be elected from their number. It was decided that steps be taken to procure affiliation. This is indeed a step in the right direction.

Later in the Secretary's Report, we note that it is stated that, whilst on her trips abroad, she called on the Secretary of the I.C.N. at Geneva, with a view to clearing away certain difficulties which stood in the way of affiliation. These were the questions of finance and the management. With regard to the former, the stumbling block had been the payment for life members whose subscriptions have long since been absorbed in the general fund. The report continues: "The International Council of Nurses generously agreed to waive payment for these members." Presumably there is some inadvertence here, as there has been no meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. to consider this point. On the question of management, the I.C.N. requires that the management of the Federal Council of Australia remains entirely in the hands of nurses.

We are of opinion that the time has now come when members of the medical profession and others should gracefully retire and encourage the Registered Nurses of Australia to manage their own affairs. The members of the medical profession in Australia have shown a sincere interest in the improvement of nursing, and in the welfare of nurses; now it is the duty of the nurses to themselves and to their profession, and the public, to give consideration, time and trouble to improving and controlling their own business. What the trained nurses of the whole world have done through self-governing organisation it is the duty of Australian nurses to do. We Founder Members of the International will not be happy till we get them to realize this. Then there is Italy. What further effort is being made

there? We do very sincerely wish to welcome the Italian nurses into the I.C.N.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Affairs has been summoned for Monday, July 14th, at 4.30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39 Portland Place, W.

The business to be considered includes (1) a communication from Miss M. Adelaide Nutting in reference to the Florence Nightingale International Memorial; (2) a communication from Miss C. Reimann from Headquarters, I.C.N. and (3) a communication from Mlle. Chaptal, President, I.C.N.

Since the appointment in 1925 of a salaried secretariat, and the appointment of a Board of Directors, it has become more and more apparent that if the Board is to be of real practical value, it must meet at regular intervals, and do its duty—otherwise why exist?

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

We learn that Miss R. A. Cox-Davies C.B.E., R.R.C., has retired from the position of President of the College of Nursing, which office she has held since the retirement of the late Miss A. W. Gill, in October, 1928.

She is succeeded by Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., until recently Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

Miss Sparshott was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and after holding the post of Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Derby, was appointed to the same position at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and during the Great War was Principal Matron at the Second Western General Hospital, Manchester, T.F.N.S. She is a Member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and Chairman of its General Purposes Committee.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

At the 29th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, which was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.1, on Saturday, June 14th, 1930, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by an Executive Committee Meeting at 2 p.m., the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed, and other correspondence was discussed.

The desirability of a Contract between Nurse Probationers and Hospital Authorities was discussed, and it was the opinion of the Meeting that such a Contract was advisable.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Miss Harris, who has rendered valuable help to the Honorary Secretaries of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

It was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting at Menstone, near Leeds, on the 13th September, 1930, on the kind invitation of Miss Smith and Dr. Edgerley.

This terminated the business of the Meeting.

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES, 19TH JUNE, 1930

- 1.—What is the effect of cooking on the various classes of foods? Describe various forms of cooking, giving their advantages and disadvantages. How is food affected by modern methods of canning?
- 2.—Describe in detail the district nursing care you would give to an old woman, living in a two-roomed cottage, with an acute attack of bronchitis, and what advice would you give the friends?

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