

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses will take place at Geneva from June 29th to July 1st inclusive, the agenda of which will be circulated at an early date. The Board is composed of the five elected Officers and the Presidents of National Affiliated Organisations. From Great Britain, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and Founder and Hon. President of the International Council, and Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Treasurer of the International Council, hope to attend the meeting at Geneva. Mlle. Chaptal, the President, is to attend and will no doubt report progress on the arrangements for the Quinquennial Meeting in Paris and Brussels in 1933. As there is much business to consider there will no doubt be a representative gathering.

A POPULAR INTERNATIONAL HOSTESS.

When it became known that Mrs. George Carrington Smith, of Montreal, was in London, great was the pleasure of those to whom she was so kind a hostess during the International Congress of Nurses in that city in 1929. She entertained three of the Congress members for ten days, besides which she was constantly in attendance at the Congress Halls, conveying members in her comfortable car to luncheon at her own house, and elsewhere, or carrying them off to a country club on the banks of the lovely St. Lawrence, and bringing them back again refreshed in mind and body in time for the afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Carrington Smith, who was a member of the first class of nurses, graduated from the Royal Victoria Hospital, and was presented with a gold badge by the late Lord Strathcona, has never lost her interest in nursing. She takes a keen interest in life as a whole, is a strong Imperialist, a loyal subject of the King, and loses no opportunity of furthering the interests of the Empire.

On Friday, March 20th, she visited the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W., and was charmed with the building, and its arrangements, and the underlying principles of its work, and was entertained to a real English tea.

Later she met at a dinner at the Café Monico arranged in her honour—at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick took the chair, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President, represented the British College of Nurses—some of those with whom she had been most intimate in Montreal, and it was a gay and happy gathering. Amongst those present who met her in Canada were Miss M. Breay, Miss E. J. Haswell (who came specially from Liverpool), Miss Villiers, Miss Cuthbert, Miss Muriel, Miss Drakard, and Miss Brownson.

The dinner was excellent, and the band played by special request "The Maple Leaf" and "O, Canada."

From the chair, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick proposed the health of the King, and, in welcoming Mrs. Carrington

Smith, thanked her for her great generosity and kindness to Congress members in Montreal, and for her sincere interest in the International Council of Nurses.

In responding, Mrs. Carrington Smith expressed her pleasure in meeting the Congress members, and said it was the first time the International Council of Nurses had met in Canada. It was a new experience to her, and a great joy.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The April Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, on Monday, April 27th, at 4.30 p.m. It will have before it a short report from the Advisory Committee on International Affairs, and an opportunity of considering matters in connection with International business.

Miss S. Villiers, the Hon. Secretary, will be obliged if applications for Affiliation and the change of names of delegates can be sent to her not later than Friday, April 24th, to 39, Portland Place, W.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Affairs was held at 39, Portland Place, W., on March 10th.

The President N.C.N., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Cochrane, R.R.C.; Miss A. M. Bushby; Miss M. Breay, Treasurer; and Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss M. Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C.

Several matters to be brought before the next meeting of the Executive Committee in April were considered.

It was reported that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses would be held at Geneva in the last week in June.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on Saturday, April 25th, at 3 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the President, Miss H. L. Pearse.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-second Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held at 194, Queen's Gate, Headquarters of the Royal British Nurses' Association, on March 14th, 1931. Miss Lamb, Matron of Claybury Mental Hospital, presided.



MRS. GEORGE CARRINGTON SMITH.

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