

INTERNATIONAL NURSING NEWS.

NURSE FIELD SECRETARY IN THE HEALTH SECTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

On October 8th, Miss Hazel A. Goff took up her appointment for two years as Nurse Field Secretary in the Health Section of the League of Nations at Geneva, under the direction of Dr. Rajchman, Medical Director of that Section. The services of Miss Goff have been placed at the disposal of the Health Section, through the medium of the International Council of Nurses. This arrangement has been made possible by a money grant from an anonymous nurse donor in the United States, the gift having been extended and the matter planned through Miss Clara D. Noyes, first Vice-President, and the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, which met in Geneva this summer, and which appointed a sub-committee under the direction of Mlle. Chaptal, the President, to facilitate the arrangement, on the understanding that as an official of the League of Nations, its Field Secretary could not in any way present the policy or represent the considered opinions of the International Council of Nurses entrusted to its Board of Directors. Although the Health Section of the League has hitherto referred nursing matters to the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses, an increasing need, especially relating to field work, has been felt. The offer extended by the Council of the help of a nurse qualified both in hospital work and public health nursing was therefore gratefully accepted. The salary, given (about £700 per annum) is the same as that granted to the medical members on the staff of the Health Section serving directly under the Medical Director, Dr. L. Rajchman, and therefore places the nurse on an equal footing with her medical associates working immediately under the Director. The period of two years will make it possible for the League to decide if the work dealing with our profession is worth while continuing. We have no doubt that should Miss Goff's work prove the success anticipated by her colleagues, this appointment may encourage wide extension of nursing service in the Health Section of the League in the near future.

Miss Hazel A. Goff is an American and graduated as a nurse from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Mass., one of the oldest and finest institutions of its kind in the U.S.A. After considerable experience in training school work in different institutions in the United States, she was selected by the American Red Cross to direct the School of Nursing which it was sponsoring in Sophia, Bulgaria. So well did she do her work there, that she was able after a period of three years to leave the School under the direction of the graduates. Following this experience she was for three years Field Director on the nursing staff of the Rockefeller Foundation, European Office. Since September, 1930, Miss Goff has been at Teachers' College, New York, where she has obtained her B.S. degree in Public Health Nursing Administration. Miss Goff is a trained dietitian, and she will, we feel sure, have the good wishes of her colleagues throughout the International Council of Nurses for happiness and success in her very responsible pioneer work, in which she will no doubt have the help and

support of a compatriot, Dr. Woodrow, Chief of the Public Health Department, who advocates closer union of the nursing profession with his own department at Geneva.

ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE "INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW."

We are advised as we go to press that Miss Jean Egbert, from the United States, will take up the position of Assistant Editor of *The International Nursing Review* at Headquarters in Geneva on November 15th. Miss Egbert will spend a few days in London and in Paris on her way to Switzerland. The Board of Directors, I.C.N., at its meeting in Geneva last June, agreed to the appointment of such an officer.

PAMPHLET ON THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES, 1899-1925.

The history of the International Council of Nurses from its foundation in London in 1899 up to 1925, written by Miss Margaret Breay, in collaboration with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which was published in the July and October, 1929, numbers of *The I.C.N.* and the March number, 1930, of the *International Nursing Review*, is being issued in pamphlet form with illustrations. The pamphlet will be ready for sale from International Headquarters of the Council, 14, Quai des Eaux Vives, Geneva, before Christmas, the price, including postage, being 4 Swiss francs per copy.

The pamphlet, which has a limp buff cover, is in the same format and has the same paper and style of printing as the *International Nursing Review*. Only 500 copies will be printed in the first issue, so that we advise International organisations to order their copies at once. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has placed an order for 100 copies, so that they will be on sale at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, as soon as published. Price 5s. post free. Copies should be filed in every Nurse Training School Library for the instruction of student nurses whose examinations include Nursing History.

NURSING HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL

We have just received a copy of the Third Edition of "A Short History of Nursing," sent to us as a gift from Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., who, together with Isabel Maitland Stewart, R.N., A.M., has, in this new and completely revised edition, given us Nursing History in a Nutshell.

In the Preface we are informed that "This Short History is written primarily for students in the nursing schools in the United States and Canada, but it is hoped that it will at the same time serve as a useful summary of nursing history for the profession generally."

We have only had time to glance through this volume (but we must confess to have read more than once, with a thrill of pride, the dedicatory inscription written by Miss Dock) but the Contents, Illustrations and Appendices appear to be extraordinarily well presented, and this work will, we realize, become a text-book for students of nursing history throughout the world for many years to come.

In our next issue we hope to review this new Edition at length. It is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, The Knickerbocker Press, New York and London. Price 3 Dollars.

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