

NURSES' DUTY TO DISCUSS PROGRAMME I.C.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The preliminary programme of the coming Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Paris and Brussels next July is full of interest and includes many items which should give rise to keen discussion. It will be well if this is so, as in this way solutions may be found for problems common to the profession in all countries.

As a member of one of the Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses I feel that every Association thus affiliated should give these matters their earnest consideration between now and next July, and hold a series of special meetings for the purpose. A member of the Executive Committee might be asked to address one or two of these meetings and the rest of them devoted to conference and discussion. In this way all members could be well informed as to the subjects being brought forward at the International Congress, and would have an opportunity to discuss them and to express their opinions which could then be conveyed to N.C.N. Headquarters and be considered by the delegates who are to attend the I.C.N. Congress. The delegates would thus get a very good idea of the general opinion of the profession on these various subjects and would be able to adopt a policy representing the point of view of the majority.

If there are any trained members of the profession who do not belong to the N.C.N. as a member of an affiliated Association, or if there are any training schools which have not formed Associations and affiliated to the N.C.N. surely the slogan should be "Do it now."

The N.C.N. represents the profession as a whole in this country, and its delegates will do so at the coming International Congress; the more we can get in touch with Headquarters through our own Associations, the more effectively shall we be represented. We have the machinery. Let us use it!

MARJORIE M. KILBY, S.R.N.

CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—The National Office of the Canadian Nurses' Association will be moved to Montreal on November 1st, 1932. On January 1st, 1933, the business management and editorship of *The Canadian Nurse* will be taken over by Miss Ethel Johns, R.N., formerly of Winnipeg and Vancouver, and of the Division of Studies, Rockefeller Foundation in Europe.

It is anticipated that, with Miss Johns as Editor of *The Canadian Nurse*, and the Executive Secretary responsible only for the functioning of the Canadian Nurses' Association, future professional developments may be realised for the Nurses of Canada.

On behalf of the Canadian Nurses' Association,
Cordially yours,
JEAN S. WILSON, R.N.,
Executive Secretary.

511, Boyd Building, Winnipeg, Man.,
October 4, 1932.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MY DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.—It was a great delight to hear all about "Nightingale Week" from Miss Kenyon on her return to India.

May I be allowed to congratulate you on the splendid organisation and the really delightful arrangements which were made for all the delegates. I was most interested in the meetings and functions and although I was unable to be

present I feel something of the stimulus and atmosphere resulting from such close contact with the memories of Florence Nightingale.

We had a large meeting of the Nursing Staff of this Hospital last night, when Miss Kenyon made her report on "Nightingale Week in London." It was enthusiastically received. I am assured that the Presidency General Hospital Nursing Staff will do all it can towards the Nightingale Memorial. At the Trained Nurses' Association of India Conference in Delhi, in November, the Memorial will be discussed from the point of view of all-India, and I sincerely hope we shall be able to come to an arrangement regarding India's part in the scheme, in spite of the present financial difficulties.

We are starting a "Nightingale Corner" in our Hospital with the brick so kindly presented by you and the plaques which Miss Kenyon has presented.

Thank you very much indeed for the brick, on which we hope to build. With kindest regards and renewed thanks for your great kindness to our representative in Nightingale Week,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

MADGE E. ABRAM.

President, Trained Nurses' Association of India.

October 13th, 1932.

[We feel sure "All India" will unite with "The Trained Nurses' Association of India," inspired by its enthusiastic President. We feel instinctively that when National Appeals are made in support of the Nightingale Foundation, they will meet with generous world wide support.—ED.]

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss B. G. Alexander, President, South African Trained Nurses' Association, writes: "On my return to East London, after a tour of our Branches, I was delighted to find THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING with such an excellent and comprehensive account of 'Nightingale Week.' I want to congratulate you very heartily on its success, and I only wish I had been there to share the joy and inspiration it must have brought to all who had the privilege of attending the various functions, etc. Several of our South African nurses have taken the course in Public Health at Bedford College, and have done excellent work in this country."

[Miss Alexander has other interesting matters to discuss, but for the time being they are "personal."—ED.]

IMPARTIAL REPRESENTATION.

A Sister Tutor writes: "I was at the College of Nursing Meeting on October 22nd. Surely it is intended by the Nurses Act that the Registered Nurses' representatives should impartially represent the whole body, and not only the nominees of certain organisations. I know this has caused dissatisfaction with the present Council, all of whom were elected on the College of Nursing Ticket last time, as it is suspected, even if not justified, that favour may be extended to a fellow member when questions of conduct and discipline arise."

[The Editor much regrets she has had to hold over several communications.]

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