

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

All the issues of *The International Nursing Review* for 1931 are now to hand and are full of interesting articles and news of the Nursing World—near and far. Please Matrons see that this educative journal finds a place on the Nurses library table.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Interesting conversations have taken place between the three delegates of our National Council and representatives of the Red Cross on the question of an International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, and we hope a statement may be issued at an early date placing suggestions and recommendations before the International Nursing World and the public. We feel sure, when a definite scheme of organisation for the Memorial is approved, that the World's Nurses and the members of the public by whom the name of Florence Nightingale is held in the deepest reverence will be anxious to give it their active support. A great human benefactor, humanity as a whole owes recognition to the genius of this great woman; let such recognition take the form of advancing the work she initiated—the perfecting by practice and theory of an international army of women for preventive and curative nursing.

The International Advisory Committee.

A meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the N.C.N. will be held on Thursday, February 18th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 1932, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at 3 p.m.

After the business meeting a film is being shown at the Club by Mr. Paterson, on "A Summer in Machrihanish," and by courtesy of Miss Macdonald, the Secretary, an invitation has been extended to the members of the I.H.M.A. to participate in this beautiful entertainment.

Will members make an effort to attend and notify the Hon. Secretary, Miss D. Webb, not later than Monday, February 15th?

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 36th Quarterly meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at The Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on Saturday, March 5th, 1932, at 2.30 p.m. preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

We notice on the Agenda an interesting topic for discussion, i.e.: "A discussion on suitable clothing for destructive patients."

THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP.

The January number of the *Nightingale Fellowship Journal* is as usual finely produced and contains much of interest. The leading article deals with the proposed Nurses' International Memorial to Florence Nightingale, commemorative of her great work for nursing education. Miss G. V. Hillyers contributes an article on "A glimpse of Nursing in America and Canada," and the word-pictures given by Miss Flora Masson in a letter on "Some of the old Pioneers of the Nightingale School," which include portraits of Mrs. Wardroper, and Miss Crossland, the Home Sister known to so many generations of Nightingale Probationers will be much appreciated.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, PRESTON, NURSES' LEAGUE.

For the first time we have received a copy of the Royal Infirmary, Preston, Nurses' League Journal, and a very tasteful cover has been selected; a buff cover, to left a red cross on a white ground, with crown and arms of the hospital and "Unity is Strength" as motto.

The Journal is well printed on beautiful paper and contains a foreword by the Matron, Miss M. A. Marks, in which she expresses thanks for "the cheque for £40 for the New Maternity Wing, which stands for so much more than pounds, shillings and pence, and although we have this year been so urgently reminded of the value of sterling, never was a cheque of such sterling value as that presented to me by my children for the object so dear to my heart."

The Journal contains many items of interest in connection with the Royal Infirmary and nursing school, and beautiful pictures of Lostock Hall Convalescent Hospital, and a group of Old Prestonians who attended the Re-Union, 1931.

The extracts from members' letters are specially interesting and express the loyal affection of the writers to their own Training School.

Let us hope this lively League will soon seek affiliation to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We learn from South Africa that Miss B. G. Alexander is now installed in the Editorial Office of the *South African Nursing Record* at East London, and that she finds the work very interesting. Miss Alexander is out to further and protect the nurses in South Africa—and nurse journalists know how much can be accomplished by a firm and courageous policy. As an old campaigner of upwards of forty years' experience, she has our hearty good wishes for her arduous and exacting work. First the inspiration, then the expression—later the printer's work in galley form—later in page form, and then every word, punctuation and letter must be read before a paper is ready for press. No work can be more exacting—or more fascinating. Miss Alexander is prepared to give active help to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Scheme when approved by the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and is still enjoying in retrospect "The refreshing and helpful time in the old country, and the wonderful courtesy and generosity that was extended to me while I was in London."

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

We are glad to know that Miss Madge E. Abram, Matron of the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, and President of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, "is very proud to be a member of the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee." At last it would appear that good progress is being made in the promotion of the Memorial—and we hope the nurses throughout the world will soon be actively engaged in helping to express interest in, and gratitude to, the wonderful Founder of the work they love.

We learn that as soon as Miss Abram reported to the T.N.A.I. the debt for dues incurred to the I.C.N. during bad times after the war, and suggested that an effort should be made to pay them, that the whole £15 was rapidly subscribed—and thus the prestige of the Association has been restored in its relations with the International Council of Nurses. This is fine.

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