

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

It is well that we should all realise now 1932 is here that *next year* our Grand Council I.C.N. will meet in Paris, and in connection with it an International Congress of Nurses will take place in Paris from Monday, July 11th to 13th, and that July 14th will be spent in travelling to Brussels. This will be done in two groups, one taking the road by Chantilly and Amiens, and the other by Chantilly and the Chateau de Valois, a lovely sight-seeing day. In the evening there is to be an Official Reception we believe in the historic Town Hall in Brussels.

The Congress Meetings will continue in Brussels on Friday, July 15th and Saturday the 16th, and farewell will be said on the evening of that day at a Banquet in that delightful city.

The three main subjects for discussion at the Congress already arranged are as follows:—

1. Nursing Ethics and Legislation.
2. Public Health Nursing and Social Work.
3. Inspection of Schools of Nursing by Nurses.

The Programme Committee elected in Montreal in 1929, to arrange platform business and select subjects for discussion in Paris and Brussels, consists of Miss Jeanne Hellemans, Belgium, Chairman; Miss Cecile Mechelynck, Belgium; Mlle. J. de Joannis, France; Mlle. Chaptal, France, President I.C.N.; Miss Charlotte Munck; the late Miss Lillian Clayton, U.S.A. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Geneva in June, 1931, Miss Elnora E. Thomson was elected to replace Miss Lillian Clayton.

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A meeting of the International Advisory Committee of our National Council will be held at an early date so that recommendations may be considered and reported to the Executive Committee at the April meeting. It will be well therefore that subjects which our National Council wish placed on the programme for discussion should be submitted as soon as possible, so that they may be forwarded to the Programme Committee of the I.C.N. for consideration.

Portraits of New Presidents.

So much interest and pleasure has been expressed at the publication in our last issue of portraits of the new Hon. Officers of the National Council of Nurses that we propose, with their consent, to publish those of the Presidents of new organisations affiliated to the National Council.

The most important provincial organisation which entered into the Council in 1931 is the Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League, which has already a membership of 200 State Registered nurses, of which Miss Euphemia Steele Innes, R.R.C., D.N., is the President.

Miss Innes who holds the Diploma of Nursing of Leeds University, *Honoris Causa*, received her professional training at the Leeds General Infirmary, where she was subsequently Assistant Lady Superintendent. Before being appointed Lady Superintendent she held the position of Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax. She is a Principal Matron in the Territorial Army Nursing Service, and of the 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds. She is also a member of Queen Alexandra's Army Nursing Board, and a member of Council of the College of Nursing.

The Profession owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Innes for having given evidence before the Select Committee

of the House of Commons—appointed in 1925 by the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., Minister of Health, in conformity with a promise given by the Right Hon. John Wheatley, M.P., his predecessor in that office to the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council from which he received a deputation—in support of an open election, by nurses on the General Part of the State Register, of their eleven direct representatives on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The Select Committee approved this petition and at the next election of direct representatives this form of election was put into force.

Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee.

On January 14th, the Conference between delegates of the National Council of Nurses and the Red Cross Societies will be held at the Treasurer's House, St. Thomas's Hospital by the kind invitation of Sir Arthur Stanley, to discuss the future organisation of the International Florence Nightingale Memorial, which the nurses of the world are anxious to promote in London. Sir Arthur Stanley, Dame Sarah Swift, and Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chief of the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies, Paris, will represent the Red Cross, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial, I.C.N., and Miss Lloyd-Still and Miss E. M. Musson, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.



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PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

Senior Sister (Acting Matron) to be Matron Miss Winifred Maud Coulthurst; Sister (Acting Senior Sister) to be Senior Sister Miss Jessie Dorothy Jackson.

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