

3. To make effective the Survey of Nursing Education in Canada.

In 1927 a joint Committee of the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Nurses' Association was formed with a view to studying the possibilities of launching in Canada a Survey of Nursing Education. In 1929 Dr. George M. Weir, Professor of Education in the University of British Columbia, was engaged to direct the Survey. The report, with its findings and recommendations, was published early in 1931. To date 2,458 copies have been sold. It may be added, with a degree of pride, that the Canadian Nurses' Association met 70 per cent. of the total cost of the Survey.

Selected Special Committees have been (1) Exchange of Nurses, (2) History of Nursing. A small group is studying one of the most pressing needs of the profession—A History of Nursing in Canada. It is hoped that in the course of a few months the writing of this book will have been commenced. (3) Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee. A committee to consider matters relative to the Memorial has been formed, and the Association represented at the Florence Nightingale Week in London in July, 1932. The Canadian profession is pledged to participation in this project.

Since the holding of the Congress in Montreal in 1929, the Canadian profession has benefited markedly from the stimulus of that meeting. The general interest reflected through attendance at those sessions and in many intangible ways has been greatly accentuated because the Canadian group was privileged to act as hostess four years ago.

Incompleteness would characterise this report were the effects of the depression upon the nurses of Canada entirely overlooked. The scars of unemployment and resultant unrest are apparent. Yes. But in the midst of it all a quiet courage, a refined if chastened spirit is emerging, and we hold the conviction that a professional integrity stronger and more searching will be the enduring contribution of this generation of the profession to the next.

THE DANISH COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Acting President (February, 1833), Gustave Hjort.

President: Margrethe Koch.

The number of ordinary members of the Danish Council of Nurses is approximately 8,400. The number of persons in Denmark who are earning their living by nursing is about 9,200.

Losses by death.—On July 28th, 1932, the Danish Council of Nurses suffered a severe loss in the death of its President, Miss Charlotte Munck, Superintendent of Nurses of the Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen. Miss Munck had been Vice-President of the Council since 1924, and entered upon her duties as President in 1927. The nurses of Denmark have experienced great difficulty in coping with the situation arising out of the loss of their extremely active and gifted President.

A few days after her demise, Mrs. Henny Tscherning, former President of the Danish Council of Nurses, passed away, after prolonged illness. Mrs. Tscherning had been the leader of the Council for twenty-seven years, and had done outstanding and admirable work in gathering together the nurses of Denmark in one single organisation. She always took the keenest interest in the International Council of Nurses, and it was on her initiative that international meetings were held in Copenhagen in 1922 and 1923.

State Registration.—A Bill was brought before Parliament by the Minister of the Interior on October 25th, 1932. (The Nursing Act was passed in April, 1933.—ED.)

Preliminary School.—The Danish Council owns a preliminary school for intending student nurses called *Testrup Højskole*, in which it is endeavoured to combine the educa-

tional opportunities of a People's High School and of a Preliminary School for Nurses. The school offers two courses per annum of five months each. Tuition is given both in ordinary cultural subjects and in technical subjects; in regard to the latter, "Public Health" includes anatomy, physiology, and hygiene; "Nursing" includes practical exercises, demonstrations, housekeeping and diet kitchen. Each course is attended by about eighty pupils. This Preliminary School was founded to meet a need felt by many schools of nursing in the provinces of Denmark.

Post-Graduate and Refresher Courses.—During recent years the Council has arranged various courses.

Every year a refresher course for all categories of nurses in Denmark is held during the last week in September. The attendance from all over the country has been about 200 nurses for each of these courses, which include a series of lectures by experts on the newest nursing methods.

In 1931-1932 the Council arranged a five months' Course for nurses employed in social work. Twenty-three nurses took this Course.

(Other activities are employment offices, engagements abroad, publications, an old age fund to which every nurse admitted to the Council must bind herself to pay a monthly amount; since its foundation this fund has received several legacies, a pension fund which in recent years has received about 80,000 crowns in State subsidies, a sick benefit club, which besides other privileges of a State recognised sickness fund, entitles sick members to a six weeks' stay, free of charge, at the Council's Rest Home at Vedback. All members of the Council are entitled to stay in the Rest Home at a moderate price.)

The Nurses' Club.—The Council's Headquarters was moved in October, 1931, to the newly built Nurses' Club, Fensmarkgade 1, Copenhagen, N. The building is freehold and contains 207 flats for retired nurses, as well as for nurses in employment.

The flats are of different types and sizes; all of them are provided with modern comforts. The Club has a restaurant and a provision shop. There are also a few guest-rooms intended for nurses living outside Copenhagen.

The Club was opened on May 28th by the then President of the Council, Miss Charlotte Munck, who was decorated on this occasion with the Gold Medal of Merit.

The Council owns a Vacation Home at the seaside, maintains a relief fund and has arranged post-graduate courses in various special subjects after the three years' training experience. An increasing number of nurses are anxious to obtain as complete a training as possible. During the last few years 700-800 nurses annually have taken post-graduate instruction in maternity, mental and epidemic work and in visiting nursing.

The Council manages several legacies on behalf of its members: those founded in memory of Mrs. Henny Tscherning and Miss Charlotte Munck are being used for rent-free flats in the Nurses' Club.

(The members of the Council have various other privileges.)

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF FINLAND.

President: Venny Snellman.

The outstanding feature of nursing in Finland during the period 1929-1933 has been the development of nursing education, a goal to which the profession has been working for a long time.

In November, 1929, the first Nursing Act was passed, by which the State was to maintain schools of nursing and the State Board of Health was permitted to appoint a woman inspector for the education of nurses. Immediately following this, three decrees were issued regarding respectively nursing education, the practice of nursing and nursing positions in State hospitals.

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