

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Nurse, the official organ of The Canadian Nurses' Association, gives notice of the approaching celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and makes the interesting announcement that the celebration will be held next summer in Toronto, the home of the Founder of the Association, Miss Mary Agnes Snively. It also publishes the following letter printed in its issue of June, 1908, from the Founder of the International Council of Nurses.

431, Oxford Street,
London, W.

Dear Miss Crosby,—When are you going to have a National Council of Nurses of Canada? It is time; why not start and come into affiliation with the International next year, 1909, when we hope to have a splendid meeting? Denmark, Holland, and Finland have already applied for affiliation. Our Colonies and Dominions are behind in women's organisations. They are too parochial. The world is a very wee place, and too many narrow circles attempt to ignore that fact.

Yours very truly,

ETHEL G. FENWICK.
Hon. President,

the International Council of Nurses.

In July, 1908, a brief editorial in *The Canadian Nurse* reads as follows:—

"We heartily endorse the suggestion of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick that the time has come when Canadian nurses should consider national organisation. It was one of the chief purposes in the mind of the founders of *The Canadian Nurse*, and we hope the time is not far distant when our national nurses' magazine shall chronicle the formation of a National Association of Nurses."

This took place at the Second Annual Convention of the Society of Canadian Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses in Toronto in the following October. Miss Snively was elected President, and Miss Shaw (of the Montreal General Hospital), Secretary-Treasurer of the Provisional Committee then established; and the fully organised Association was affiliated to the International Council of Nurses at its meeting in London, in 1909; Miss Snively and the full complement of Canadian delegates being present.

Miss Jean S. Wilson (Executive Secretary of the C.N.A.), has discovered a dictionary definition of the word Jubilee as "an occasion for general joy," and adds, "we like that definition when we think of the Silver Jubilee Year of the Canadian Nurses' Association. . . ."

"It will be an occasion of general joy, owing to the anticipated presence of Miss Snively herself as well as of a number of other charter members."

The Canadian Nurse for September is full of good things, beginning with an admirable illustrated account of the

proceedings of the International Council and Congress of Nurses by Miss Florence H. M. Emory (President C.N.A.).

An interesting article on Jeanne Mance (who founded the Hotel Dieu in Montreal), follows, in which we are reminded that the Reverend Sister Allard (Directrice of the School of Nursing of the Hotel Dieu, Montreal), attended the International Congress of Nurses as one of the official representatives of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and that an interesting feature of Sister Allard's journey to France is that she is the first French-Canadian nun from the Hotel Dieu to visit France since the foundation of the Order in Montreal in 1659. To mark the occasion a bronze medal was presented to her in Paris by the French Minister of Public Health—an honour paid to Sister Allard which will give great pleasure not only to religious communities engaged in nursing but to Canadian nurses in general.

"On her way overseas to attend the Congress in Paris, Miss Isabel McIntosh visited the Hotel Dieu in Montreal, in order to make sure that the details of her costume (as Jeanne Mance) were historically correct.

"The Reverend Sister Helen Morrissey, who is an authority on all that concerns the early history of that institution, had discovered from ancient documents, from the original of the inventory made by the notary after the death of Jeanne Mance, that her wardrobe consisted chiefly of silk dresses and poplins in various colours. The costume suggested by Sister Morrissey was scrupulously carried out as follows: French grey poplin, with full ankle-length skirt, pleated to the waist, an outside ceinture or belt made tight to the figure and pointed in front and at the back; a plain tight waist; full sleeves with deep pointed white cuffs; a little white cape over the shoulders; and a tight-fitting white satin bonnet or cap, the border embroidered or ornamented with a satin cord.

"Personally, Jeanne Mance is described, at the age of fifty-three, after twenty years of constant effort, as 'still a beautiful woman; there were scattered silver threads in her curling auburn hair, faint pencillings of time were noticeable around the eyes and running towards the small and delicate ears, but the large brown eyes were as full of life as ever; her step was still elastic and her carriage graceful.'

LEADER OF NURSING IN CANADA.

As we go to press, we learn with sincere sorrow of the death, on September 26th, of Miss Mary Agnes Snively, Founder of the Canadian Nurses' Association and first Treasurer of the International Council. In our next issue we hope to do justice to the memory of this great and much loved woman.



JEANNE MANCE.

Represented by Miss Isabel McIntosh, in the Procession of Pioneer Nurses at the Trocadero, Paris, July 11th, 1933.

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