

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES' GRAND COUNCIL.

Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., has wisely had her photograph taken in the beautiful robes she wore, as Matilda the Good—wife of Henry 1st of England—at the History Dinner held in London on May 4th, by the British College of Nurses, and also in the Pageant of "Historic Royal Nurses" at the Trocadero in Paris, presented by The International Council of Nurses, on July 11th, 1933.

We are indebted for the loan of this block to the Editor of "League News," the Official Organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

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We extract the most important points from these Reports.

THE NORWEGIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

President, Miss Bergliot Larsson.

The objects of the Norwegian Nurses' Association (N.S.F.) are:

A.—To form a central point for the Norwegian nursing profession and to work for better co-operation amongst trained nurses.

B.—To safeguard their economic and professional interests.

C.—To work for the development of the profession, for the improvement of nursing and the promotion of public health.

The N.S.F. has now been in existence for 21 years. The years that have elapsed have brought great changes in all fields, as regards nursing and the development and conditions of the profession, and the N.S.F.'s influence has been increased by earnest efforts, both inwardly and outwardly. The demand for better training has always been kept in the foreground and elementary requirements are now satisfied, but as the schools are entirely dependent on the hospitals, a keen fight is now being waged in order to render the training satisfactory from an educational viewpoint and to prevent overproduction.

The preliminary training school is now well established and specialising is provided for in the Association's Post-graduate School for specialised studies in Administration, Teaching, Laboratory Work and Dietetics. We hope to keep these lines of work for nurses only.

An ever-increasing eagerness can be noted among mem-

bers of the profession to acquire more complete training, and this School is showing rapid development.

Through the Union of Nurses of the Northern Countries of Europe exchange of nurses takes place between the Nordic lands, and at the present time members of our association are studying and working in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, U.S.A., India, China, South Africa and Madagascar. In Norway the N.S.F. has arranged national meetings, study-

weeks, as well as special courses at several places throughout the country. The association was represented at International Hospital Congress in Vienna in 1931, at the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva in 1931, at the Florence Nightingale Week in London in 1932 and this year at the Hospital Congress at Knocke-sur-Mer (Belgium) and the Nurses' Congress in Paris and Brussels.

Our profession is not escaping the effects of the crisis. Great attention must be devoted to preventing depression, and efforts are demanded for the maintenance of our high standard and level. Owing to the unemployment existing in all fields many young women are seeking admission to the profession of nursing. Endeavours are being made to induce the hospitals to restrict the number of probationers and to secure that only those hospitals that can maintain educationally efficient schools shall be allowed to take pupils. The Association is at present working on practically all questions within the sphere of nursing and public health.

The great problems are:

1. The health of the nurses (10 per cent. invalidity). The Association is working in collaboration with the Hygienic Institute attached to Oslo University, where 300 students from various schools for nurses are kept under medical inspection for three years and statistics are collected. The experiences and statistical returns furnished by the sick insurance, invalidity and pensioning institutions also supply instructive and convincing material to work upon.
2. Regulation of working time in order to secure more reasonable hours of service, both for day and night duty.

A committee is preparing proposals for thorough-going changes in the system.

3. Overproduction and unemployment with consequent overfilling of the market for private nursing are giving grounds for much concern.

4. The question of salaries now demands great watchful-



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As she appeared as Matilda of Scotland "The Good" in the Pageant of "Historic Royal Nurses," Trocadero, Paris, July 11th, 1933.

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