

AMERICAN NURSING NEWS.

Miss Susan C. Francis, R.N., Superintendent of Nursing at the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, has been elected President of the American Nurses' Association. Miss Francis is Secretary of the American Journal of Nursing Company. She is interested in the International Council of Nurses, on the Board of Directors of which she will now have an ex-officio seat, and is known to many of the members, as she has attended several of its Congresses, and they will wish to offer her their congratulations on her appointment to this important professional position.

News comes from the Yale University School of Nursing, New Haven, Connecticut, of the retirement of Dean Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., Sc.D., M.A., and the appointment of Miss Effie J. Taylor, R.N., as her successor in this important position.

Both ladies are well known in this and other countries where the Nurses' Associations have membership in the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Goodrich has taken an active and prominent part in the development of the Council, having attended the International Congresses in Berlin, London, Helsingfors and Montreal. At the meeting of the I.C.N. in Cologne, in 1912, she was elected President of the Council for the ensuing period and great plans were made for a wonderful meeting in San Francisco in 1915, but, alas! after the outbreak of the world war these had to be abandoned, and only a small Executive Committee met for the transaction of necessary business. Miss Goodrich carried on as President until the Grand Council met in Copenhagen in 1922, when she was unanimously elected an Hon. President, a position which carries a seat on the Grand Council and Board of Directors for life.

Miss Goodrich has had a distinguished nursing career. Graduating from the New York Hospital in 1892 she has held important hospital appointments, including that of General Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses at Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York. She has been Inspector of Nurses' Training Schools in connection with the New York State Education Department; Assistant Professor of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University; Director of Nurses, Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service, New York; Dean of the Army School of Nursing; and from 1923 Dean and Professor at Yale University School of Nursing till the present time.

Miss Goodrich has held the positions of President of the American Federation of Nurses, President of the American Nurses' Association, and President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Nursing. She is always a welcome visitor on this side of the Atlantic, where her high professional ideals, her loyalty to her colleagues, and her ready wit are known and appreciated. We hope that in the greater leisure of the coming years she will have the time and inclination to visit Europe and further cement the bonds of friendship already established in Great Britain and other countries.

Mention must also be made of Miss Goodrich as author of a valuable book on "The Social and Ethical Significance of Nursing," a subject with which she is peculiarly qualified to deal, of which the dedication is "To my students. Through these pages may the invisible comradeship, to me so precious, be prolonged."

The announcement that Miss Effie J. Taylor, R.N., B.S., M.A., has been appointed to succeed Miss Goodrich as Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing, in which she at present holds the position of Professor, will be received with much pleasure. Miss Taylor graduated from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1907, where she subsequently held various positions, including that of Director of the Nursing Department Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, and Associate Principal of the School of Nursing. She was Director of the Army School of Nursing, Camp Mead, 1918-1919, and has been Executive Secretary of the National League of Nursing Education of

which she was elected President in 1932. Miss Taylor is well known and very popular in International circles, and is a member of the Committee appointed by the American Nurses' Association to promote the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Miss Taylor will have the good wishes of her colleagues in this country for her happiness and success in the important and interesting position to which she is now appointed.

"Memories of Jane A. Delano," by Mary A. Clarke, R.N., her friend and co-worker, is an attractive book published opportunely by the Lakeside Publishing Co., New York City, as the formal dedication of the beautiful figure, of which the sculptor is Mr. R. Tait McKenzie, R.C.A., erected to Miss Delano and 296 nurses who died in the war, 1914-1918, took place in Washington during the Session of the Biennial Convention of the American Nurses' Association in April last. We hope to review the book in a subsequent issue.



DEAN ANNIE W. GOODRICH,
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ANTISEPTIC VALUE OF TEARS.

Normal tears are "hundreds of times" more effective in protecting the eye than are solutions of drugs. This statement by a leading American ophthalmologist (Dr. W. L. Benedict) appears in a journal published by the National Institute for the Blind.

"Tears," Dr. Benedict says, "are supplied in amounts that are properly regulated, and they counteract the effect of most air-borne bacteria."

Because the general public has learned that many eye lotions are put up in a solution of boric acid, the better informed immediately turn to it as the one safe substance that can be used for any disorder of the eye.

"The healing properties of boric acid are infinitesimal," Dr. Benedict declares. "It is used chiefly by physicians as a vehicle to carry small dilutions of more potent drugs; because it retards the growth of fungi or contaminating bacteria, it forms a convenient way to dispense medicines for the eye. There are no miraculous cures for any diseases of the eye."

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