

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

In an interesting Report from Headquarters Miss C. Reimann writes:—

"I am now leaving the work at International Headquarters in the devoted and efficient care of Miss Schwarzenberg, who is very anxious to get into close contact with the various countries as soon as possible. May I here be allowed to thank the members of the Board for their confidence, kindness and help during my years of service at Geneva.

"I am willing to accept the offer to be Editor of the International Review on the following conditions: (1) that I serve in an honorary capacity; (2) that special provision for secretarial assistance is made for the management of the magazine; (3) that expenses incurred on behalf of the magazine (postage, stationery, equipment, translations, one or two trips to Geneva yearly, etc.) are provided for by means of a reasonably large revolving fund, so that there will be no outlay on my side, and it will only be a question of giving my work. I estimate that the expenses will be considerably less than the salary originally offered to me in my capacity of Editor." It is good news that Miss Reimann will continue to edit the official organ of the I.C.N.; so long as she did so, it was apparent that she is what is termed "a born journalist," and this strenuous work cannot be included in an Executive Secretary's duties. No issue of "The International Nursing Review" has been published since September, 1932, and before this exacting and costly work is recommenced, it is to be hoped that our International Treasurer, Miss E. M. Musson will, with the President visit Geneva, and take counsel with Miss Reimann and the Publications Committee on ways and means. Personally we are of opinion that four instead of six issues annually would meet our needs, as nearly every country federated in the I.C.N. issues an Official Nursing Journal monthly, which circulates widely between the various countries, and thus keeps their readers in intimate touch with nursing progress throughout the world.

Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, the Executive Secretary, is we learn "picking up the threads of the work" at Headquarters, "and finding it most interesting and inspiring." This sounds good—every member of the Board of Directors will, we have no doubt, do all in their power to help her in her arduous task. We are pleased to learn that Miss Schwarzenberg will be with us in London at an early date—so as to attend some "Nightingale" meetings and acquaint herself with the progress and constitution of the Nightingale Foundation, and make the acquaintance of those who are promoting it.

Miss Anna Schwarzenberg has issued her first circular letter from Headquarters to the members of the Board of Directors since her appointment as Executive Secretary to the Council. She writes: "Miss Reimann has now left the office and I am most grateful to her for showing me so thoroughly all the different sides and departments of work. . . . The research material assembled here is most valuable, especially the collections of pamphlets. The library, which has been arranged and brought up to date under Miss Reimann's supervision, is so catalogued that it is easy and simple to refer to for help."

Several items in this circular letter will receive consideration later by our National Council of Nurses.

To prevent confusion we must realise that we have now an Elected Secretary (an honorary officer) in Miss C. Reimann and an Executive Secretary at Headquarters at Geneva, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, the senior salaried official of the International Council of Nurses, to whom business communications should be addressed. The changed address of the I.C.N. Headquarters is 14, Quai Gustave Ador, Geneva, Switzerland.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

### EN ROUTE FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE IN CANADA.

On June 13th, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., together with Mrs. Christian Bedford Fenwick, who travelled to Canada with her, left Waterloo Station at 9.40 for Southampton, to join the Canadian Pacific boat, the *Empress of Australia*. It was Alexandra Rose Day, and the station was gay with roses being sold by Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., (Matron) and a staff of Nurses from the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, who plied a ceaseless trade.

Amongst those on the platform to wish Miss Cochrane a safe journey and happy time were Dame Alicia Lloyd Still (President, I.C.N.), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain), Miss Le Geyt, Miss Bryson, and other personal friends. Bouquets of cut flowers, carnations, roses and stocks, were presented to decorate cabins, and the travellers left in a high spirit of adventure—neither having crossed the Atlantic before. Quebec was the first objective, the splendid Chateau Frontenac the first *pied-à-terre*, from which the magnificent St. Lawrence River, the Dufferin Parade (leading towards the Heights of Abraham), and other historic sights are visible. Then having come into touch with picturesque French Canada, on to the great city of Montreal, where a professional welcome awaits the travellers on their way to the Silver Jubilee Birthday Conference at Toronto. As the train steamed away it seemed impossible that upwards of forty years had slipped away since we waved farewell to London, on a similar happy adventure!

In a letter written on R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, dated June 18th, Miss M. S. Cochrane sends news of first impressions of her mission:—

"Up to the present our trip has taken on some of the aspects of a Royal procession. After we left Waterloo an agent came along the train, addressed me by name, inquired if we were comfortable, assured us for anything we might require we had only to refer to him. On our arrival at Southampton the principal agent there met us, and escorted us on board. He introduced us to the ship's surgeon, the Captain and several of the Officers, and then we were escorted on to the promenade deck for my photograph to be taken. We had no difficulty with baggage as small bell-boys were waiting with the agent and they seized every bit of hand luggage, flowers, etc., and raced to our cabins with them, and our other luggage just appeared automatically in the cabins apparently without human aid! Our cabins and beds and private bath are the last word in luxury and I cannot tell you of the attention we have received, from the Captain right down to our stewardess, who is simply wonderful in anticipating our needs. The journey was very smooth until Thursday night, when we were off the coast of Ireland and in a very rough patch. We rested in our cabins and I did nothing but eat and sleep, as I felt very tired after all the rush of departure. We were up on Saturday, and since then have been fêted and instructed in the wonders of this wonderful ship. We went on the bridge with the Captain, who explained all the steering and telephones, closing of bulkheads by just turning a small door, etc. Then he took us into the chart room and showed us our position and told us where we should get fog and icebergs. After that to the wireless room, where the operator tapped a message for us, and then to his cabin for tea. The Chief Officer is equally attentive, also the Purser, and best places are found for us on deck, at the concerts, pictures, etc. We are being thoroughly spoiled, and I have never met with such consistent kindness before. Last night we had to lay up for five hours because of fog but went on again this morning,

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