

THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE AT TOKYO.

The XVth International Red Cross Conference to be held in Tokyo early in October promises to be a very representative meeting—important delegates from many countries are to be present.

Those representing Great Britain include Lieut.-General Sir Harold B. Fawcus, Director-General, British Red Cross Society, Lady Muriel Paget, Miss Ida N. M. Simmons, and Mrs. Rome who will take greetings from the President of the International Council of Nurses.

Japan is planning to receive its guests from abroad with lavish hospitality, and trained nurses who may attend will, we feel sure, be very cordially welcomed by Miss Take Hagiwara, the President of the Nurses' Association of the Japanese Empire and Directress of the Nursing Service of the Japanese Red Cross, as she is anxious for an up-to-date discussion on Nursing, of which she has been such a wonderful pioneer in her progressive country.

AN ANONYMOUS GIFT.

The Matron of the Surrey County Council hospital, Guildford, Miss Shepherd Payne, writes that she would like it to be quite clear that she has not in any way assumed the right to possess the £68 sent to her anonymously. It is the second gift of money sent with the same handwriting and postmark, only last time a small piece of paper was enclosed on which was written "Extra comforts for the patients," and as it was ten days before Christmas, it purchased the turkey for the patients' Christmas dinner.

"On the other hand," she writes, "I am grateful to Captain Sant for pointing out (it is possible and has been known to happen) that Doctors, Nurses, and Matrons have received and accepted personal legacies."

A report of the discussion which took place at a meeting of the Surrey County Council in reference to this gift appeared in our last issue.

WEDDING BELLS.

Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses will be interested to hear of the wedding which took place on Wednesday, September 5th, in St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, of Mr. Dudley Archibald Bull and Miss Muriel E. Wells, of the Secretarial Department.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. R. Stephens, wore a deep cream satin gown, with train, and over it a long tulle veil, secured by a band of satin with silver and orange blossoms, and she carried a sheaf of white lilies.

Her bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Joyce Wells, and Miss Margaret E. Bull, sister of the bridegroom.

On this sunny September day the fine old church in its lovely precincts gave an added charm to a perfect wedding day, as the happy pair, followed by some 100 guests, passed after the ceremony to St. Peter's Hall, where the reception was held.

On the platform was a large array of beautiful wedding gifts, among them a blue morocco suit-case from the President and Councillors of the British College of Nurses.

We wish the bridegroom, who is the proprietor and headmaster of a preparatory school at Redhill, and his charming bride, a very happy future.

Four hundred doctors emigrated from Germany during the past year, it is officially announced, including 284 from Berlin. Of these 284 Berlin doctors, 117 went to Palestine, 25 to France, 22 to England, 13 each to Switzerland, Italy and Spain, 11 each to Austria, Czecho-slovakia and Poland, and nine to Scandinavia.

Many of our doctors fail to appreciate further overcrowding of the medical profession by foreigners.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The King and Queen during their recent visit to Edinburgh attended a special performance by the Brandon Thomas company of Sir Arthur Pinero's play *The Enchanted Cottage* in the Royal Lyceum Theatre. The receipts amounted to £3,000, and Mr. A. Stewart Cruickshank, managing director of Howard and Wyndham, has forwarded a cheque for £1,500 each to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital for Crippled Children, Edinburgh.

The Queen, who is President of the London Hospital, has presented the hospital with a signed portrait of herself.

Her Majesty's gift was announced by Sir William Goschen, the chairman, at the quarterly meeting of governors on September 5th.

The chairman also announced that Lord Woolavington had given £10,000 to defray the cost of the new pay-beds department for patients of moderate means.

The Duchess of York has given her patronage to the Queen's Fair to be held on November 20th at Sunderland House in aid of the Westminster Health Society, 121, Marsham Street, S.W.1.

Next month sees the reopening of the Medical Schools for the Winter Session. At the Middlesex Hospital H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Council of the Medical School are inviting its friends to the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., on October 1st, at 3 p.m., when the Introductory Address entitled "Our Profession" will be delivered by Dr. Henry MacCormac, C.B.E., F.R.C.P., Physician in-Charge of the Department for Diseases of the Skin, after which the prizes gained during the previous year will be distributed by Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, Bt., K.C.V.O., LL.D., D.M., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford. The wards of the West Wing, the Nurses' Home and the Medical School and Research Departments of the Hospital will be open for inspection, and tea will be provided in the Nurses' Home and the Students' Restaurant.

Lord Ashcombe is to lay the foundation-stone of the new Surbiton Hospital on October 17th. The hospital is to be erected at a cost of £38,812 in the grounds of Hill Manor, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

J. A. Dewar, the millionaire racehorse owner, has given £10,000 towards the £100,000 rebuilding fund of the Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W., of which he was last year elected President.

A complete hospital on wheels, consisting of seven railway coaches, is being constructed to operate on the South Manchuria Railway. It will be the first of its kind ever run in the Far East.

Registered Nurses in England and Wales will note with regret the sorrow sustained by the Right Honble. Christopher Addison, P.C., the first Minister of Health, by the death of his wife. They will remember that after Sir Richard Barnett's Nurses' Registration Bill had reached the Report stage in the House of Commons Dr. Addison on June 27th, 1919, gave the following pledge in the House of Commons. "I will undertake at the earliest possible time, on behalf of the Government, to introduce a Measure providing for the Registration of Nurses." This pledge he redeemed in the Autumn Session, and on December 23rd of that year trained nurses who had worked for upwards of a quarter of a century for this reform had the supreme happiness of listening, in the House of Lords, to the proclamation of the Royal Assent to the Nurses' Registration Bills for the three Kingdoms.

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