

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, I.C.N., writes in a very hopeful spirit of her responsible duties, and is evidently throwing herself into the difficult, but most interesting, work with enthusiasm, and is already taking thought for the Meeting of the Board of Directors, due to meet next July, when many important matters will come up for consideration, especially in connection with the meeting of the Grand Council due to meet in London in 1937, and also the progress made by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Miss Schwarzenberg writes to the Board of Directors: "It is intended that each National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee should feel direct responsibility for doing its share in securing a proportionate part of the large sum which will be necessary to ensure the work of the Foundation on a permanent basis, and that scholarships of £250 shall be collected by the National Committees." The scheme of the Foundation provides that each National Committee shall nominate its own scholars. Miss Schwarzenberg considers that it is essential that the I.C.N. be kept well informed by the Member Organisations of developments, so that these bodies can work together for the benefit of the Foundation.

International Union against Tuberculosis.

Miss Suffczynska, President of the National Council of Polish Professional Nurses, represented the I.C.N. at a conference at Warsaw in September of the International Union Against Tuberculosis, and Mrs. Kidd, the new President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, has promised to represent the I.C.N. at the International Congress on Citizenship to be held at Melbourne in November. Miss Take Hagiwara, President of the Nurses' Association of the Japanese Empire, will be present at the Conference to be held by the League of Red Cross Societies at Tokyo this month. The President, Miss C. D. Noyes, and Mrs. Pon Yen were unable to accept the invitation to be present at this important Conference.

Miss Schwarzenberg will welcome a report of the meeting from any other members of the Board I.C.N. who may be present. She read a paper on "The Personality of the Nurse" at Berne in August during the second post-graduate course of the International Hospitals Association.

Generous Donation, from Holland.

At the last meeting of Nosokomos it was decided to give 500 guildens to the I.C.N. for use in connection with the Library. It was stated that Nosokomos hoped "that the small sum would contribute to the development of the international study of Nursing." This very generous gift will be most gratefully received, and will be most useful in enabling the Council to have books and periodicals bound and classified.

New Members of the Board.

As all new Presidents of member associations become ex-officio members of the Board of Directors and of the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee, it is reported that Miss Ruby Simpson, O.B.E., has been elected President of the Canadian Nurses' Association; Mrs. E. Kidd, President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association; Miss Rosa Militar, President of the Filipino Nurses' Association; Miss Florence Goodacre, President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and Miss Susan Francis, President of the American Nurses' Association.

Education Committee.

As the Education Report had not received the official approval of the Board of Directors, it was regretfully decided that it was not possible to publish it for the Con-

ference of the Red Cross in Tokyo. This important report will be circulated to the members of the Board of Directors for their consideration before their next meeting.

Public Health Nursing Committee.

A circular letter has been sent out to the members of the Public Health Committee.

New members have been nominated on to the Private Duty Nursing Committee and the Mental Nursing and Hygiene Committee.

Health Statistics Committee.

A questionnaire has been issued on Health Statistics of Nurses to groups of Matrons in each member country.

Association Badges.

A collection of Badges adopted by Member Associations is now being made for display at Headquarters in Geneva, and the South African Nurses' Badge has recently been added to the collection.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has so far not adopted a Badge. It is a question which might be taken into consideration.

MARRIAGE OF MISS CHRISTIANE REIMANN.

ALTER: REIMANN.—On August 31st, 1934, at Syracuse, Sicily, Geheimer Regierungs-und Medizinalrat Dr. Wilhelm Alter, of Frankfort, to Christiane Reimann, of Copenhagen.

The above notice appeared in *The Times* of October 5th.

Miss Reimann has been the elected Secretary of the International Council of Nurses since 1922.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The half yearly meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses will be held on Friday, October 26th, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 4.15 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the President), at 4 p.m.

As there is a great amount of business to transact, of a somewhat important nature, it is hoped members of the Committee will make an effort to attend.

The Annual Meeting.

The meeting of the Grand Council, Annual Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, November 21st, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 4.15 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the President), will be served at 3.45 p.m.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, on Saturday, September 1st, when many interesting matters were discussed and dealt with.

It was decided to try to extend the activities of the Association by forming branches, so that those members who are resident a long distance from London could keep in touch with what is being done. The Association felt that this would give an impetus to those members who find it impossible to attend. One member volunteered to undertake to form a branch in her district.

Applications for membership were considered and accepted. After the meeting members were entertained to tea.

The next meeting of the Association was arranged for Saturday, December 1st, in London.

LEAGUE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL NURSES.

A Meeting of the above League was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club on Saturday, September 8th, when a very representative number of Members discussed the affairs of the League and its progress.

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