

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Anna Schwarzenberg is now actively engaged preparing the Agenda for the forthcoming Meeting of the Board of Directors which is due to assemble at Geneva in July. A date will be selected as soon as possible after the meeting of the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation which will be held in London, in the first week in July. We are pleased to know that several eminent members of the Nursing Profession will be in London for the latter meeting, amongst them Miss Effie Taylor, Dean, Yale University School of Nursing, U.S.A., one of the five elected representatives of the I.C.N. on the Grand Council of the Foundation.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, I.C.N., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will present a report from the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, founded in 1912, and the Resolution presented by Miss Elnora Thomson, as President of the American Nurses' Association, advising consideration of all matters involved in connection with the Memorial, the educational programme which will include research on nursing, to include direction, organization, curricula, finances, etc., will be considered, and further that the Committee be asked to submit a report to member countries in time for action by them in advance of the next meeting.

The next Meeting of the I.C.N. takes place in 1937—so that this matter is of considerable urgency.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Copies of the Annual Report for 1934, together with the Recommendations presented by the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee adopted at the Annual Meeting, have been sent out to all Presidents of Member Organisations, and to the Hon. Officers, inviting their participation in Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, May 12th, which this year falls on Sunday.

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP.

The decision of the National Council of Nurses' of Great Britain to award a Scholarship of £250 to an English or Scottish member of the National Council, for recommendation to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, through which authority the Scholarship is to be offered to the Foundation, may it be hoped, become an annual event. The scholarship is awarded for the purpose of taking a Course at Bedford College, London. The prospectus for the Session 1935-1936, has recently been published. In addition to the Course in Public Health and the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing, a Course in Social Work will be held.

Applications for the National Council of Nurses Scholarship should be made directly to Miss S. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, from whom forms of application may be obtained after February 15th. The Courses open on August 15th, 1935, and close on July 1st, 1936. Applicants must be graduates of an Approved School, of Nursing and Registered on the general part of the Nurses Registers of England or Scotland, and must also hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. Further practical experience will be taken into consideration and knowledge of a foreign language is an asset.

During the term of the Provisional Committee the National Council of Nurses allocated directly four complete Scholarships in 1933-1934 (£1,000), and one in 1934-1935 (£250). Thus our present contribution makes six Scholarships, at the cost of £1,500.

We are hoping that on Florence Nightingale Thanks-

giving Day, May 12th, the tribute from hundreds of nurses of little silver coins may go far to provide our Scholarship for 1936-1937.

Our colleagues in India now sit on velvet, they have their Scholarship and expenses for one student in hand for this year and a surplus for another day.

In Canada one Scholarship is already financed for the present Session, and a gift for endowment is being collected. In New Zealand the nurses are out for £200 and the Red Cross for a like sum for the expenses of one Student.

South Africa hopes to collect £10,000 for the support of the Foundation.

Great Britain's appeal to the public will, we hope, receive generous support, but as Miss Nutting says, "the Nurses must take the initiative," and this they are doing.

## THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

The practical result of the Nurses' Organisations is best exemplified in their numerous publications, many of which in their tasteful covers are now on exchange from all over the world with the pioneer nurses' journal, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. It is amazing to remember the time prior to 1888, when the nurses had no journal established for the free expression of professional opinion and the determined effort in Great Britain to prevent such a dangerous departure. Now in less than half a century the national organisations of nurses realise that progress is impossible without an organ in the press, and component associations of nurses have also their League journals.

Towards the end of each year many of these journals appear, so well written, so carefully edited, so full of inspiration that it is apparent that without the written word, the fullest benefit of co-operation would not be maintained in the ranks of members. As the majority of Associations and Leagues are grouped in the National Council and thus subscribe to, and help to maintain the International Council it is necessary that, to discourage parochial views, they should be brought into touch with colleagues throughout the world and all the wider issues of professional responsibility.

### THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES' "REVIEW."

Review No. III. of The London Hospital League of Nurses is well to the front as its official organ. Its cover is a very tasteful shade of blue, the beautiful Badge engraved in black and crimson on the cover, and it contains a portrait of the late Lord Knutsford, the renowned Chairman of the London Hospital and of the Viscount Knutsford Commemorative Tablet. There is also, amongst others, a picture of the Queen, in summer attire, passing the Nurses' Home, and quite a regiment of nurses, in company with the Chairman and Matron Miss Littleboy. "Matron's Letter" has now become a feature in many League Journals, and very interesting they are, giving as they do a historiette of nursing and hospital news and progress. One item we have from Miss Littleboy is that the complete total of the Nursing Staff on December 31st, 1933, was 759, so that we are little surprised to learn that as the London is the largest general hospital in England its patients require the ministrations of 550 nurses. The Review runs to 65 pages, containing much tabulated matter and some admirable articles. Specially valuable are "New Aspects of Disorders of Nutrition," a lecture given to the League by Dr. Donald Hunter, and "Cancer Research and Treatment," by Dr. Thomas Lumsden, Director of the Cancer Research Laboratory, and "Pre-medication," by N. A. Gillespie, B.M., M.A., Assistant Anaesthetist.

The members of the League are evidently deeply interested in its work and pleasure, and contribute generously

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