

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE  
PRESIDENT, I.C.N.

St. Thomas's Hospital,  
London, S.E.1.  
June 29th, 1936.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—You will have heard with sorrow of the passing of Miss Clara D. Noyes, for many years First Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses; a colleague who in her personal contacts ever maintained a vivid outlook; a leader who had ever at heart the honour and welfare of the Nursing Profession; who was vitally interested in all details leading to the better organisation of the same. The loss will be one not easy to replace. A telegram of sympathy has been sent to the Nurses of America and to the American Red Cross whose sorrow we share.

I also regret to tell you of the passing of Miss Take Hagiwara, President of the Nurses' Association of the Japanese Empire. Those who had an intimate knowledge of her work for the education of Nurses, and her influence in the development of the Nursing Profession, will know how ill she can be spared. A message of sympathy has been sent to Japan.

Yours sincerely,  
ALICIA LLOYD STILL,  
President, International Council of Nurses.

THE CONGRESS PROGRAMME

Miss Schwarzenberg paid a visit to London to attend the ceremony of the presentation of certificates by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent to the Florence Nightingale International Students at Bedford College on June 26th, and incidentally held consultation with Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, I.C.N., and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman, Programme Committee, concerning the Congress Programme.

THE CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

The Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N., will be summoned to meet in September to receive a report on progress, finance, hospitality, etc., and to discuss the Draft Programme and approve Speakers and Chairs to represent the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

After the holidays, the Executive Committee N.C.N. will be summoned in time to agree to the Annual Meeting being held in October, instead of November, so that recommendations for the revision of the Constitution, I.C.N., may be considered within the prescribed time, and forwarded to the Chairman of the Revision of Constitution Standing Committee to be placed on the Agenda for consideration by the Board of Directors in July, 1937.

From October onwards, the organisation of the Congress will need intensive application and strenuous effort upon the part of the Congress Arrangements Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of the following organisations (Q.A.I.M.N.S. and its Reserve; T.A.N.S. and its Reserve; and V.A. Detachments) will be interested to know that in the Memorial Church now in construction in Baghdad, a Teakwood Panel is being placed in memory of Members of the Nursing Services who lost their lives in that country in the Great War.

Should any Members of the above wish to subscribe towards this Memorial, they are invited to send small donations to:—

THE MATRON-IN-CHIEF, Q.A.I.M.N.S.,  
War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF  
GREAT BRITAIN.

"NIGHTINGALE BRICK."

We have received the following letter from Mrs. Breckinridge.

Frontier Nursing Service Hospital,  
Hyden, Kentucky,  
May 4th, 1936.

My dear Mrs. Fenwick,—Our Mary Cummings has just gotten back to us, and perhaps you and our ever-dear friends in the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain can realise our absolute joy in the present you have sent us. We are more honoured than I can express to have a brick from the house of Florence Nightingale. We are going to have a place cut out in the stone wall of our hospital at Hyden and the brick inserted, and a bronze plaque with an inscription stating that the brick was from Florence Nightingale's house and was presented by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Bless and thank you each and everyone. Please be assured of our profound gratitude and our very real affection.

Yours sincerely,  
MARY BRECKINRIDGE.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The annual meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held on Wednesday, June 24th, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

A most instructive tour of the United Dairies, Ltd., Scrubbs Lane, Willesden, N.W., preceded the meeting.

Miss Longfield (a member of the staff) conducted the party and the pains taken by her in her lecture by the way to give the fullest information in connection with the wonderful organisation of the United Dairies, Ltd., was greatly appreciated. By the kind courtesy of the Directors and the Organising Secretary, a very refreshing tea was kindly provided, after which the meeting was held.

The President, Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., was in the Chair, Miss M. Drakard, Hon. Secretary, submitted the Annual Report and Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Treasurer, reported a balance in hand of £117 15s. 7d.

The hon. officers were re-elected. New members to replace retiring members on the Executive Committee were elected, and in a large correspondence which was dealt with, letters from members were considered:—

1. *Re* a Bill proposing the compulsory retirement of working women at 55.

2. The best means of interesting probationers in the objects of the League.

Both subjects were referred for discussion to the next meeting.

The important document of the meeting was the circular letter received from the members of the Finance Sub-Committee of the Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N., inviting financial support for the Congress. It was agreed that a sum of £5 from the general funds be given, augmented by a shilling fund which has been inaugurated by the League. The members present were most enthusiastic, and the sum of 30s. was subscribed on the spot.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Directors of the United Dairies, Ltd., and the Organising Secretary, for their courtesy in making it possible to meet on their premises, and for the hospitality extended to the members.

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