

## DEAN EFFIE J. TAYLOR, M.A., R.N.

### THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The new President of the International Council of Nurses, Dean Effie J. Taylor, M.A., R.N., Dean of the Yale University School of Nursing, Connecticut, U.S.A., is well known on both sides of the Atlantic, and her election as President of the International Council of Nurses for the next Quadrennial period has given much satisfaction, both because her distinguished professional career marks her out as well qualified for this high position and also because her personal qualities commend her to the nurses of the world.

Miss Taylor, like many nurses who have attained to outstanding administrative position in the United States of America, is a Canadian by birth, having been born at Hamilton, Ontario. She was educated at Hamilton Collegiate Institute, the Wesleyan Ladies College, and at Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A., and is now an American citizen.

Miss Taylor received her professional education at the famous Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., of which she is a graduate, and devoted a year to a special study in Mental Nursing in both State and private mental hospitals in the United States, and, in addition to a three months' course of study in Europe on a Fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation.

In addition, Miss Taylor has held the position of Instructor and later of Assistant Director of the School of Nursing in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and she organised and directed the nursing in the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, in which Hospital she spent 15 years.

On its opening she was appointed Associate-Professor in Yale University School of Nursing and Director of the Nursing Service in the New Haven Hospital and held these positions in which she was associated with the Dean, Miss Annie Goodrich, Sc.D., M.A., R.N., for a period of ten years. On Miss Goodrich's retirement in 1935, Miss Taylor succeeded to the position of Dean of Yale University School of Nursing and to the appointment of Professor of Nursing Education. Previous to the opening of the Yale University School of Nursing she was the first Executive Secretary for the National League of Nursing Education.

Miss Taylor is a Registered Nurse in the States of Maryland, New York and Connecticut, a member of the Alumnae Association of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, the American Nurses Association, the National

League of Nursing Education, the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing and the Graduate Nurses Association of Connecticut. She was Secretary of the National League of Nursing Education for four years and President of the same organisation for another period of four years.

During the World War Miss Taylor was director of a School of Nursing in an Army Camp and held the appointment of Chief Nurse for some time in the same camp.

She is, in addition, the author of several papers and pamphlets on Nursing Education and Mental Hygiene.

In 1933 she was appointed a Delegate to the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at the Paris Meeting, and is a member of the Committee re-

presenting the International Council of Nurses on the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

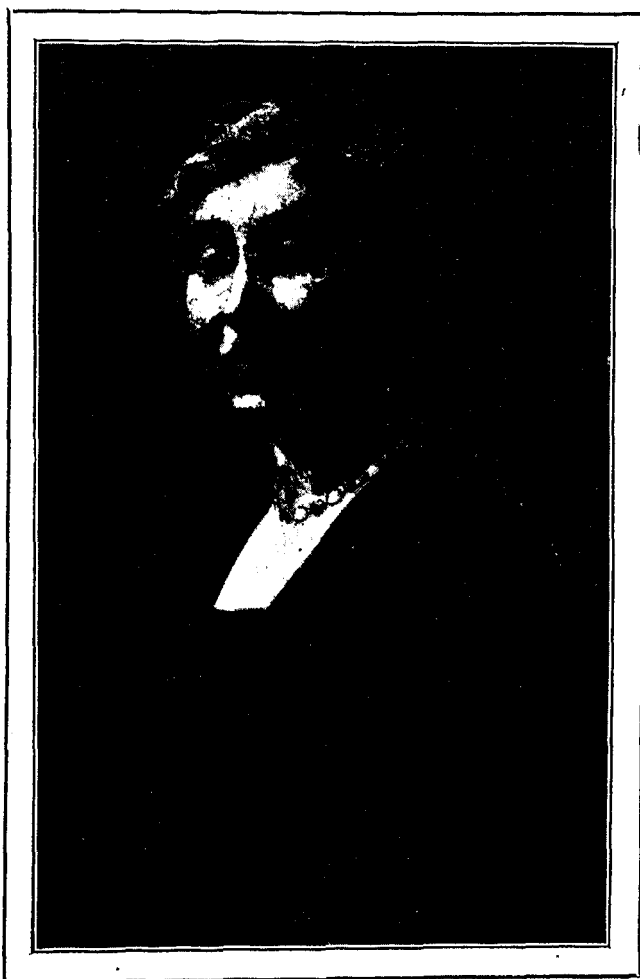
It will thus be gathered that Miss Taylor is eminently qualified, both by her professional record and her public nursing service, to fill, with distinction, the office of President of the International Council of Nurses.

It has caused general gratification that the next meeting is to be held in the United States of America which was one of the three first Nurses' National Associations to be affiliated to the Council, but has never yet held a fully organized International Congress, as during Miss Goodrich's term of office as President of the I.C.N., the Congress summoned to meet in San Francisco had to be abandoned owing to the Great War, and only a short business meeting could be held.

We have no doubt, that the American nurses under the leadership of Dean Effie J. Taylor, R.N., with their genius for organisation, and their well-known hospitality, will welcome the world's nurses in 1941 in accordance with the best traditions of the International Council of Nurses.

The Address of Dean Taylor when she took the chair as the new President, on the last morning of the Congress, made a deep impression upon those who listened to her, and she touched the right note when she said "The office of President of this vast organisation is one of great responsibility, and should be carried as a sacred trust in an earnest and in a conscientious spirit, looking always to the furtherance of the ideals and objectives for which the International Council of Nurses stands."

It has not yet been decided in which city in the United States the Congress will be held, but the choice is wide and the honour of selection will be keenly appreciated.



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