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#### FAREWELL ADDRESS OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still then made her Farewell Address as President and gave the Watchword for the Quadrennial Period 1937-1941.

Friends!

Thank you for being with us. Thank you for coming in such numbers to this country, the home within which so many of you have links, and which has rejoiced to welcome you all.

I understand it is a custom that every outgoing President shall give a Watchword.

When I saw the Pageant of Nursing and the Watchwords coming forward, I felt my task more than difficult. But again I felt that it was best to carry on with the words that are familiar to our minds in our daily work, "everyday" words.

The Watchword I would give you for the years ahead is "LOYALTY." I would ask you to carry it forward as a torch to guide your thoughts, your words, your actions, to their highest ends, to use it to test your standards, to make it the standard of your life.

I would have you read and remember the aims of the International Council of Nurses. You have them on the first page of your programme. If you work loyally towards their fulfilment, then we need have no fear for the future of our *profession*, I would say *vocation*.

Once more, I say "LOYALTY" as your Watchword—Loyalty to your country; Loyalty to your Vocation; Loyalty to your Womanhood. Let us test our life, our work, our actions by that word.

My time as your President is over. It is my privilege to present to you, your newly-elected President, *Dean Euphemia Taylor*. Dean Taylor's friendly and cheerful personality is already well-known to you. As the former Superintendent of New Haven Hospital, Director of "Yale University Nurse Training School," and the present Dean of the Nursing Division of Yale University, Miss Taylor is one of the outstanding figures in the American Nursing world, and the world over—a leader in Nursing Education. Your interests will indeed be well served for the next four years.

I thank you for all your trust, and your help.

I will now ask Dean Taylor to take her place as your President and preside over the Meeting.

#### ADDRESS OF THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Dean Effie Taylor then took the Presidential Chair and delivered the following Address:—

Madam our honoured President and Sister Nurses from all over the world:

I am not going to attempt an oration at this time after all that has gone before. I simply want to thank you for the honour you have conferred on American nurses through accepting our invitation to come to the United States for the next Quadrennial Congress, and for electing to so high an office a member of the American Nurses' Association.

I am at this moment torn by conflicting emotions, one of deep gratitude and another of deep humility, and some anxiety lest I may be found wanting in the confidence you have reposed in me.

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.

During the weeks which have passed since we gathered together in our first Executive Session, and later when we joined the larger group in this Congress, we have been inspired and uplifted by our union of minds and hearts as we have sought to think through some of our mutual problems. Through our intellectual and our spiritual communion we have been drawn closer, and our love for each other and our understanding of common problems, difficulties and achievements have once again bound us as a dear family linked closely for the attainment of one objective, which is, to promote and further the means by which health and happiness may be placed within the grasp of all the people of the world.

It is a tremendous task which the International Council of Nurses has undertaken, but we are greatly cheered by what has been accomplished during the past 38 years.

From the vast gathering of nurses from different countries, we have been inspired and spiritually uplifted. As we have talked together in many languages we found our problems so similar that in reality, though symbols of expression used are different, we understand each other's thoughts. We all are sisters working together to assist in carrying out God's great plan for the welfare of fellow human beings, and reposing our trust in Him to guide us, may we go back to our several countries determined to permit ourselves to be moulded to His will. This assumes that we will not bury our talents in the ground, nor put our lights under a bushel, but will seek to use them according to our several abilities,—you, in your small corner and I, in mine, as the needs of the people of each of our nations will require.

The delightfully artistic pageant depicting the History of Nursing, presented for our pleasure, has inspired us with hope and has renewed our courage. Its imaginative beauty will linger long within our memories. We are grateful and thankful too that we were led to choose Nursing as our vocation and profession and that we are all members of the International Council of Nurses with such a marvellous history. As the meaningful "Watchwords" were one after the other unfurled before our eyes we wondered what would follow "Concordia," so rich and comprehensive.

A glorious word our President has given us to-day to guide us during the four years upon which we are about to enter. "Loyalty," how inclusive in itself, how far reaching and how suitable as our motto. Loyalty, faithfulness, constancy and trust are bound together and no words more aptly can be associated with Nursing.

Loyalty cannot be defined as a system of philosophical doctrines or creeds. It is not a passive sentiment, but is filled with action and inherent in attaining the "Good Life." It cannot be interpreted as sweet acquiescence to what is. On the contrary it connotes a vision and a willingness to strive for an accepted goal.

In the words of Florence Nightingale, "we cannot really attach any meaning to perfect thought and feeling unless its perfection has been attained through life and work, unless it is being realised in life and work."

Loyalty to Nursing will call for strength and courage to surmount the obstacles which are everywhere about us, and even though we are cheered by what has been accomplished, we are deeply conscious of what is ahead. Loyalty to any cause may mean self effacement, but it can never call for the sacrifice of principle. To follow the line of least resistance is oftentimes a great temptation, but the spirit of loyalty challenges us to stand firm, to act and speak in the defence of trust. Such conflict demands both wisdom and moral courage for its solution.

"To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man."

In 1941 the United States will welcome you to its shores, and while we cannot do so magnificently what Great

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