

every way. We would all wish to thank you for the many privileges and pleasures it brought to all those who had the benefit of representing the famous countries throughout the world." Miss Alexander adds that she realises it was a great privilege to be present and sends most grateful thanks for everything.

THE NURSES OF THE NETHERLANDS SEND VERY HEARTIEST THANKS TO ALL THE BRITISH NURSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS RECEPTION.

The Baroness van Hogendorp, President of the National Association of Nurses of the Netherlands, writes:—

"First of all thank *you* for the immeasurable kindness, heartiness and energy you have displayed not only during the time we spent in London, but through all the long months of preparation. . . . Will you convey my very heartiest thanks to all the British nurses for their most generous reception, specially to me as a member of the Board of Directors, but also to the official delegates and all the members attending the Congress. . . . The courtesy and charm with which we were received wherever we went are things which in my memory will always be associated with the I.C.N. Congress in London, 1937."

THANKS FROM MISS DOMINIKA PIETZCKER

"Dominika Pietzcker (Austria) wants to thank you most heartily for the wonderful days we have had and the most kind welcome you gave us."

"MY LOVE TO YOU ALL"

Ballincoona, Castle Cove, Killarney, Ireland.

July 16th, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,—Love and Duty, the two most compelling things on earth, keep me here; but my heart and mind will often be with you all during the Congress days.

I send you, enclosed, my greeting. May the wise counsel-taking of our Nurses from the world over be directed for the best welfare of the human race.

I was touched by Miss Breay's generous reference to 1909 in her review of Congresses in the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*. You may be interested to know that my copy goes to China when read.

There is no forgetting of old days or of old comrades. My love to you all.

Yours,

ALBINIA BRODRICK.

GREETINGS.

1909 to 1937.

Hail and farewell! Comrades of other days,
Of other worlds, of older works and ways;
Hail, Comrades of to-day, as of the future days,
All hail!

Servants each one of Love, for humankind,
Servants most gentle, as the Spirit's wind;
Servants for Him Who served to save mankind—
We serve.

Leaders on that high path to better things,
Leaders, for angels bear us on their wings;
Leaders, made strong to salve Earth's fiercest stings—
We lead.

Victors, we wrestle many a piteous fight,
Victors o'er death, with dread defeat in sight;
Victors! If but we keep our armour bright—
We win!

ALBINIA BRODRICK.

The Honble. Albinia Brodrick took a very active part in the I.C.N. Congress held in London in 1909. Her wit and wisdom added immeasurably to its success.

THE INTERNATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, 1933-1937.

REPORT PRESENTED BY MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, CHAIRMAN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I.C.N., JULY 13th, 1937.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,—I have the honour as Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the International Council of Nurses to present a short Report of its activities during the past four years.

It will be remembered that this Committee was originally appointed in 1912, that it arose out of the decision in 1912 to promote a memorial of an educational character in honour of Miss Nightingale.

In 1929, in the Minutes of the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal it is reported as a Standing Committee, but as such was never included in the amended Bye-Laws.

As I was elected Chair of the Committee in 1929, I presented an important Report to the Board of Directors in Paris in 1933, when the decision was taken to co-operate with the League of Red Cross Societies in forming the proposed Florence Nightingale International Foundation (which scheme took shape in 1934), when the five following representatives were elected to serve on the Grand Council of the Foundation: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss A. Lloyd Still, Great Britain; Miss Jean Gunn, Canada; Miss Effie Taylor, United States of America; and Miss Bergljot Larsson, Norway.

It was also agreed that the Presidents of all Member Associations be invited to serve on the Memorial Committee of the International Council of Nurses for a period of four years—in reply to this invitation 23 Presidents consented to serve, and the majority of them initiated the organisation of National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees in their various countries in support of the Foundation, which have met with considerable success.

At the Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Geneva in 1935, I presented a Report on the progress of the work of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, for the previous two years, 1933-1935, in reply to a Circular Letter issued from Headquarters, and incorporated the replies reporting progress from National Nurses' Associations from India, South Africa, New Zealand, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Austria, Finland, France, China, Japan, United States of America and Great Britain. I also handed in invaluable historical data, including books, pamphlets, etc., for reference in the Library in the I.C.N. Office.

At this Meeting, claiming that the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee was a Special (for which there is no provision in the Bye-Laws), and not a Standing Committee, and as such could be dissolved by the Board of Directors at any time, presumably without notice on the Agenda, the existing Committee was dissolved, and together with the original members who had taken no part in the organisation of the Memorial Committee since before the War, the following Members were added to the Committee: Miss A. Goodrich, U.S.A.; Mlle. Chaptal, France; Miss B. G. Alexander, South Africa; and Baroness van Hogendorp, Holland, and the Presidents of the Nurses' National

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