

tions and pamphlets issued since the inception of the Council, have been carefully packed in a metal-lined box and deposited in the vault in Lloyd's Bank, Grosvenor Square Gardens, London. A complete working file of papers, minutes, records and documents were packed in two strong boxes and transferred to the temporary office in the United States. In addition, two comparatively new typewriters were also transferred to this country.

The books belonging to the Council library were wrapped, boxed and stored with the office equipment in London.

Current publications and correspondence will be sent to the temporary office in the United States, and the material printed in English in the various journals will be tabulated as usual.

Committee and Research Work.

In all probability only a minimum amount of Committee and Research work can be carried on during this period, due to the unusual and time-consuming activities of our members in their own countries and also to the restricted mail service and transportation. An attempt will be made to use whatever opportunities are available, but even at most the work will be limited in volume and in scope.

Publications.

The October issue of the 1939 *International Nursing Review* is now at the printers and should be delivered to all subscribers in a short time. It is doubtful that any other issue will be forthcoming in the near future.

As a means of imparting information and keeping alive the interest in the I.C.N., a letter will be issued from time to time, and possibly a small pamphlet if conditions warrant this undertaking. Subscriptions which have been received for the coming year will be carefully entered and placed to the credit of the subscriber towards future issues when the publication of the *Review* will again be possible.

Finances.

The financial papers and books have been safeguarded by the Treasurer. It is expected that arrangements can be made with the American Nurses' Association, through the payment of its annual dues, to provide for financing the temporary office in the United States. More explicit financial statements will be issued at a later date, and the Treasurer will advise the member countries about the payment of dues.

Miscellaneous.

As far as possible the President and the Acting Secretary will keep the member countries informed of what is accomplished. It is also requested that, in as far as possible, each country will keep the I.C.N. Office acquainted with the activities they are able to carry on in their respective countries at this time, and in addition suggest means of how Headquarters can be of the most help and service to you.

Other items of information will be presented as soon as more complete plans are made and as soon as the Acting Secretary can begin her work in this country.

Questions of whether or not the 1941 Congress will be held must be left unanswered till a later date. We trust that it will still be a possibility.

Faithfully yours,

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

We regret that, in reporting in our last issue the very generous gift from the Nursing Staff of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, towards a scholarship for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, we failed to state that the cheque sent was for £20. This gift has been banked until such time as the Foundation again materialises. At present its work is suspended, we presume, for the duration of the War.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

The war, of course, deferred the issue of *League News*, the organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, but now to hand it is worthy of all praise, as not only an annual review of its work is to hand but the revised constitution of Bye Laws are inserted.

The Matron, Miss Helen Dey, pleads for an increased number of trained nurses in case of war, in which, alas! we are now engaged. The pity is that with the exclusion of "Registered" Nurses from recognition in the Government's schemes for nursing the Army, and control by the laity through a Central Emergency Committee, that "trained" Nurses find themselves classed with all and sundry, and are naturally shy of such association.

We are informed that the site for the new Preliminary Training School has been selected by the Governors of the Hospital; a property known as Piggott's Manor, Letchmore Heath, which is only six miles as the crow flies from the Zachary Merton Convalescent Home at Northwood. In due course it is anticipated that the new premises will handsomely replace the old house in Finsbury, more familiarly known as "King Square," which has done duty for many years in giving new entrants their first initiation into the groundwork of nursing.

In the new house it is hoped to increase the number of class hours, and to accommodate more students to meet the demands of a larger nursing staff required for the programme of new and ever increasing departments in the Hospital.

As our nursing schools are now in many instances disintegrated, organised progress will await upon peace. We know Matrons who are heartbroken to find their life's work, in which they took such pride, has evaporated into thin air.

Of course the League deplors the resignation of Miss Helen Baines, and of Miss R. V. Irvin, of the positions of Assistant Matron and Home Sister, a very serious loss to the hospital. Many honours are reported for Bart's Nurses. Twenty-seven, let us hope, happy marriages are reported, and twenty-four births are recorded to members of the League. A diamond wedding has been celebrated. Ten deaths have taken place during the year—those of Miss Eleanor Barton, R.R.C., and Mrs. Shuter, will be specially deplored. The List of Members with their addresses is specially valuable as a means of consolidating the League.

Congratulations to those who have edited and compiled *League News*. Such work is arduous and deserving of warm appreciation by their colleagues.

The Winter Meeting is cancelled, but it is hoped a special News Sheet may be sent to all members in January.

Miss Honor F. MacCormac, S.R.N., writes: "I regret very much that the 'Barts' Calendar will not be published this year. I hope that it will be possible to do so in 1941. The Calendar promises to be unusually interesting."

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