THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We have received the following kind letter from Dean Effic Taylor, R.N., President of the International Council of Nurses, for which members of our National Council will wish to offer her sincere thanks.

All former communications have been acknowledged, and those of an official character published in this journal. There is little doubt that during the past year postal arrangements have left much to be desired.

We have every faith that when we have won the war our international nursing affinities will soon be resumed.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Temporary Headquarters: 310, Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. October 9th, 1940.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

This is the eighth letter which has been sent out to each member country of the International Council of Nurses since the transfer of Headquarters to the United States in October, 1939.

We take for granted that some of these letters have reached you, and even though only a few of the many do arrive at their destination, we feel that our efforts have been worth while. And so again, because of our keen interest in you and your associates, we take this opportunity to send a message from Temporary Headquarters.

In order that you may know that your letters are reaching us, may we say that the last letter we had from you was dated August 19th, 1940, and was received in New Haven, September 10th, 1940.

The Committee and Research work of the Council has been limited largely to what could be done in the Western Hemisphere, particularly in the United States and Canada, but even here it has been greatly curtailed. We have been in touch with many of our members, having received one or more letters from 20 of our National Associations, and five Associate Representatives. We are grateful for these messages—encouraged by the work that we know is continuing in many countries even in the midst of hardship and personal sacrifices.

What lies before us as a Council we cannot say at the moment. We do know that the fundamental principles on which we were organised will keep us together and preserve our unity until we can meet together at our next Congress.

We all need stimulation and encouragement to carry on in these troublous times. We hope that our letters from Temporary Headquarters will bring you a feeling of "Portragal". nearness"—a feeling that we belong to each other, and that it is our privilege to serve you in any way that we possibly can.

With this letter, again comes the assurance that we are thinking of you and praying that peaceful times will be with us soon.

With our very kind regards and best wishes for yourself and for the welfare and security of our friends, your close associates.

Very faithfully yours,

Effie J. Taylor, President. CALISTA F. BANWARTH, Acting Executive Secretary.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1940.

A copy of the Audited Accounts for 1939–1940 has been sent to the Presidents of all the Member Associations of Nurses, from which it will be seen that there is a surplus of funds in each of the three accounts of the Council, which we feel sure will be a matter of congratulation for all concerned in these hard times.

No. 1 Account (General).

In No. 1 Account there is a balance at Bank of £58 11s. 2d.

No. 2 ACCOUNT.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS APPEAL FUND. There is a balance of £60 0s. 7d., and National Savings Certificates to the value of £249 15s. 0d. (Nominal £333).

No. 3 ACCOUNT.

There is with investment and cash £133 9s. 1d.

Thus having paid to the International Council of Nurses the sum of £218 8s. 4d., we have the sum of £252 0s. 10d. to the good.

The Hon. Treasurer hopes that the 16 Associations which have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year will do so at an early date.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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