

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

At a time like this, how much we wish that we might have personal contact with you. To know that you are in need of comfort and friendly sympathy, and to be separated by such a great distance, makes us feel so helpless.

If assuring you that you are constantly in the thoughts and prayers of your colleagues at Temporary Headquarters here in New Haven will help to make your burden a trifle easier, we assure you that you are never absent from us during any of our waking moments.

We pray that peace may speedily come so that order may soon reign again in your midst.

With love for you and your many associates,

Believe me,

Affectionately yours,

EFFIE J. TAYLOR,

Temporary Headquarters,
310, Cedar Street,
New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. President.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE.

We have received the following communication from Dean Effie Taylor, which has been circulated to the Member Associations of the National Council of Nurses for their observations.

New Haven, Connecticut.

July 11th, 1940.

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

Previous to this time we trust that you have received the Balance Sheet for this year 1939 which was mailed from Temporary Headquarters last month, in compliance with the request of the Treasurer. From this sheet you will note that the International Council of Nurses has sufficient funds to tide the Council over this immediate period, provided that care is taken to keep the expenses as low as possible. This we are making every effort to accomplish.

Enclosed you will find the provisional budget which will carry us through the remaining months of the present year. This budget is based on the expenses for the first half of the year. (See columns 3 and 4.)

The Treasurer has arranged for £3,500 to be placed on deposit at the bank, and has in addition, a sufficient amount of ready money to take care of the storage of furniture, insurance and such activities which must be carried on in London.

Unfortunately, money cannot be transferred from one country to another at the present time, and the funds for the maintenance of Temporary Headquarters are being supplied from the dues deposited by the American Nurses' Association for the first half of 1940.

Following a recommendation from our Honorary Treasurer, Dame Ellen Musson, as President of the International Council of Nurses I am writing to each member of the Board of Directors in order to obtain your opinion on the following proposals. You will note that these suggestions are in keeping with the Constitution of the Council, Article VI, Section 3, which reads: "The Board of Directors may defer the payment or modify the dues for an active member, it, in its judgment, it seems wise to do so." We are, therefore, presenting the proposals at this time because of the unsettled condition of numerous countries throughout

the world, many of whom are member associations of the Council.

The proposals:—

1. That the annual dues of National Member Associations payable to the International Council of Nurses for the year 1940 be suspended for the time being.

2. That annual dues already paid for the year 1940 be held in suspense and adjusted at a later date.

3. That National Associations consider the acceptance of the responsibility for the payment of their dues, up to and including December, 1939.

4. That all money banked in various countries for dues to the end of 1939 shall remain on deposit to be transferred when circumstances permit.

5. That the money advanced by the American Nurses' Association (for the upkeep of Temporary Headquarters in New Haven) be deducted from their first annual payments.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a duplicate of the proposals. This we ask that you please return to 310, Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A., at your earliest convenience, indicating your opinion on each proposal. Space has been left at the bottom of the page for any individual note that you may wish to send.

It is my privilege to convey to you, at this time, a friendly message from the Board of Directors of the American Nurses' Association, and from the National League of Nursing Education, assuring you that you are constantly in their thoughts. They desire particularly to send their sympathy and affectionate regards to nurses in our member countries whose normal activities have been suspended, and whose responsibilities have been immeasurably increased, during this period of international unrest.

In addition, we assure you that your Officers at Temporary Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses stand ready to be of assistance in any way within their power.

Faithfully yours,

EFFIE J. TAYLOR, *President.*

NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

Nightingale International House, 15 Manchester Square, has been taken over by the Empire Societies War Hospitality Committee, and was opened on August 9th, as King George and Queen Elizabeth Club for Service Women of the Empire. This is good news for all concerned.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

At the Investiture held by the King at Buckingham Palace on August 6th the following Registered Nurses were decorated:—

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

MILITARY DIVISION.—COMMANDER..

Miss Catherine Roy, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

MEMBER.

Miss Lilian Phillips, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

ASSOCIATES.

Miss Mary MacVicar, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, and Miss Rosina Polus, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

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