

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The following quotes from a letter recently received from Miss Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., a past and now an Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses, will be welcomed by all those "on this side" who appreciate her wonderful work for the higher education of nurses and the organisation of nursing as a profession.

Those who know their "international" history remember that Miss Goodrich was elected President of the Council at Cologne in 1912 and was well on with a wonderful programme for its Congress to have been held at San Francisco when the terrible blow of war fell upon the world in 1914.

Miss Goodrich was deeply interested in the fine work of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and attended its meeting in London in 1935, and has deeply mourned its disruption for the time being by another barbarous war.

To quote from her kind letter:—

"The January issue of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* reached me a few days ago. Nothing relating to this terrible war situation has so deeply moved and yet so reassured me. The familiar publication, its form unchanged, its informative content and the editorial addressed to the *London Times*, so forceful yet so courteous, that it only could have come from your pen, seemed to confirm what we have heard again and again of the wonderful way in which England is meeting appalling situations and conditions of which we over here can have no conception. I do not believe it would be possible to measure the influence England has had upon this and other countries. . . . I only hope that we as a country, if occasion arises, will pull ourselves together and present the undaunted front of which we have witnessed such a wonderful example."

### Still Imparting Valuable Knowledge.

"At the invitation of Dean Marian Howell of the Western Reserve University School of Nursing, I came to Cleveland to give two courses to the graduate students—one on 'Community Trends,' in which 145 students are enrolled, and the other on 'Administration in Schools of Nursing' for a more mature group of 50 students. The enrolment altogether in the school of graduate and undergraduate students is approximately 400. The country is facing a great shortage of nurses owing to this increase in hospitals, which is reported as 82 a day, and the increasing number needed for the Army and Navy. I note also that Dr. Parran, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, stated that doctors and nurses were needed in England. That this will make a great appeal, I am sure, to many of our nurses. . . .

"I wish I knew how to pay tribute to such fortitude. I am enclosing a postal order, made payable to you rather than to the *Journal*. It is, of course, for you to use in any way you feel it would be helpful."

How refreshing and inspiring are such letters. We are, indeed, grateful for them. To know that the leaders in our profession Overseas have a right understanding of our tragedy and the glory of it; also we deeply appreciate that they are still inspiring graduate and student nurses with high ethical and skilled standards, instead of, for the sake of expediency, as many of our colleagues at home are doing, advocating a makeshift policy, with demands for more and more cash—a policy which will inevitably lower our high calling from a profession to a trade.

We shall consider ourselves justified in expending Miss Goodrich's generous gift in maintaining the rights of the Registered Nurse, now being sapped on every side.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on May 23rd. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

Favourable replies have been received from the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Health in connection with members of the Staff of the Council affected by the Registration for Employment Order.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £640 for weekly salaries, £45 for Insurance stamps, £25 for petty cash, and £12,000 for Examiners' claims were allowed.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, 2; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses by Examination 20, by reciprocity, 2. Total, 25.

It was agreed that 147 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that Registers of Nurses for 1941 have been received from the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland, and the Nurses' Board, Hong Kong.

### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

North Worcestershire Joint Isolation Hospital, Hayley Green, Halesowen, Worcestershire, and Burnley Infectious Diseases' Hospital be approved as Complete Training Schools for Fever Nurses for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war—whichever is the less;

Approval of schemes of affiliation between the Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital, Bridgend, and Llwynpia General Hospital and West Glamorgan County Hospital, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme, and that Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital, Bridgend, be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war—whichever is the less;

Approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Warwick Hospital and the City Hospital, Nottingham, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme; and that Warwick Hospital be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war—whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of schemes of affiliation between Waterloo and District General Hospital, Liverpool, and the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London, and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester; between the Melksham Hospital, Wilts., and the Salisbury General Infirmary and the Bristol Royal Hospital; and between Hawkmoor Sanatorium, Bovey Tracey, and the City Hospital, Plymouth, and the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the war—whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the Borough Sanatorium, Southend-on-Sea, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the war—whichever is the less.

On the recommendation of the Board of Education, the one year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at Thistley

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