

brought our history up to date, we will be able to go ahead in the replanning of our activities.

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"It is becoming increasingly more difficult, as time goes on, to carry forward creative work on any co-operative basis abroad. All we can hope to do is to keep up our correspondence and, as far as possible, keep in touch with the nurses of the world to a limited degree.

"I see a great value in having our Executive Secretary do this work . . . from two points of view: first, it will provide essential information, which we need, and will be a highly worth-while piece of work for us to carry forward while we are still in office and before too many changes take place; second, it will re-establish our Secretary's relationship and keep her interest during her leave of absence. There are, of course, some matters of business to consider, about which I would like your advice."

As a member of the Publications Committee, and part author of the first volume of the History of the I.C.N. from its foundation, 1899 to 1925, this proposal of the President is one of great value, and we have informed her that her suggestion meets with our warm approval. Those of us who realised the journalistic *flair* of Miss Schwarzenberg as editor of *The International Review*, will agree that, if possible, she is the woman most capable of doing justice to this important work. And as our President states, now is the time to do it.

POLISH SLAVES IN GERMANY.

The latest figures from Berlin show that German agriculture is at present employing 340,000 Poles from the General Government. All wear a large letter P on the left breast.

Information from Bohemia shows that the most varied forms of obstruction continue against Germanisation. The peasants who are under orders to surrender a fixed number of eggs for every hen over three, keep three only, and kill the rest. One hen was found hanging by the neck with the notice pinned to her: "Suicide rather than lay eggs for Hitler."

TWO GARDENS.

Upon the hillside stands a gallant garden,

Watered by merry streams,

Where Hope flits to and fro on golden pinions,

And Love amid the sunshine knits his dreams.

Such valiant hearts go marching down the alleys,

Great deeds they have to do,

To sweep all sin and sorrow from the highway,

And build the world anew.

'Tis said that angels hover round the precincts,

And this, I hold, is truth,

For mystic hands upon the gate have written

"The Paradise of Youth."

Down in the valley rests an older garden,

But one small stream is there,

While Hope sits mute and still with broken pinion,

And Love within the shadow kneels in prayer.

These valiant hearts have laid aside their weapons,

Strife and defeat they knew,

Since none could sweep all sorrow from the highway,

Nor build the world anew.

So now they are tending lavender and clover,

Sweet marjoram and sage,

For holy hands upon the gate have written

"The Harvest Home of Age."

But when the new Jerusalem descendeth,

With light supernal sweeping Jordan's plain,

Those weary swordsmen shall behold with rapture

The strife was not in vain.

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THE STORY OF THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING."

A LESSON IN PROFESSIONAL LOYALTY.

This story, we are informed, was prepared by the *American Journal of Nursing*, official publication of the American Nurses' Association and the National League of Nursing Education, New York.

The story is presented in pamphlet form, is beautifully printed in clear type, and illustrated so that we get a glimpse of the types of women who are placing on record nursing history in U.S.A. We have but one regret, that there is no portrait of Miss Sophia F. Palmer, the first editor-in-chief, a woman of parts, whose forthright personality impressed us forcibly 40 years ago.

Dedication.

"This history of the *American Journal of Nursing* is dedicated to the courageous and far-seeing pioneers who laid the substantial foundations of professional journalism for nurses in the United States. May all nurses who read be heartened by the story of difficulties surmounted, and may those who study the 'History of Nursing' be aided in interpreting the present in the light of the past and in pointing the way to the future."

The Foundation Stone.

The story of the *American Journal of Nursing*, we are informed, is one of the chapters in the story of professional nursing in the United States. Established by members of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae shortly after that organisation had taken its place beside the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, the *Journal* has continued through the years since as the magazine for professional nurses, owned and produced by them. If in that time it has truly represented professional nursing and has been of any help to individual nurses it is because nurses themselves—as individuals and in groups—have made and are continuing to make it do so.

An Idea is Conceived.

"The need for a magazine for nurses was discussed informally in 1895, at the meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses (now the National League of Nursing Education), whose members believed that a magazine owned and edited by nurses would provide a means by which widely separated nurses and scattered alumnae groups could talk things over. It would further the cause of nursing, and would represent and interpret nursing to the public. It is true that there were magazines for nurses at that time, but, since they were published for nurses, not by them, they could not satisfactorily present the point of view of the nursing associations just coming into existence.

"To establish a magazine for nurses, owned and controlled by the nursing profession, seemed, therefore, of great importance to members of the Society of Superintendents. However, because the Society represented a small group—the superintendents of nurses—and not nurses in all branches of the profession, it was wisely urged by some of the members that plans for a magazine be postponed until the scattered alumnae groups had combined to form one national nursing organisation, which should be the representative nursing body of the country."

This no doubt was a wise decision. In 1897 the hoped for National Nurses' Association, including all branches of professional nursing, was completed, termed the Nurses' Associated Alumnae. In 1911 the present name, The American Nurses' Association was adopted, and a Committee of Periodicals was appointed. This committee was unable to offer a working plan. Later, in 1899, a committee was appointed, composed of women already leaders of

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