

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We were indeed pleased to receive the following letter from Dean Effie Taylor, President of the International Council of Nurses, as under many difficulties she has kept our National Council of Nurses in touch, as far as possible, with its activities during the war. We shall all regret to hear the reason of her silence during recent weeks and earnestly hope for her complete recovery. We note in the American Nursing Press that our colleagues in the U.S.A. are all out for victory, now they are in the war, and wish them the strenuous time of national duty such as our nurses have experienced for the past three years.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES,  
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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

July 2nd, 1942.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—It seems such a long time since I have written you a letter, but there are two reasons that make it appear that you have been neglected. First of all, an extraordinary number of additional duties have been placed upon us due to our entrance into the war, and secondly, I have been ill for the past three months and have spent a considerable amount of time in a dark room owing to a rather uncomfortable infection in my eye. I have just now gotten back to my office and my first thought was to get a letter off to you, in answer to the very long and delightful letter which you sent me some time ago.

These days are tremendously busy for all of us, and not only are we busy in our own small spheres but we are all carrying a great many additional duties in relation to our state and federal activities. These you know all about, since you have been carrying them for a much longer period than we.

I read with great interest your Journal and am surprised at the regularity with which it arrives at our doors.

I hope to find time very soon to write you specifically about our activities here and also as much as I can about the activities of the I.C.N. The latter as you may well imagine have been growing less and less during the past year and particularly since our country has entered the war. We get very little mail now from any except the allied countries.

In May we had a most interesting and successful Biennial Meeting in Chicago and I have just returned to my office this morning from the Biennial Meeting in Montreal. Both meetings were exceedingly well attended and a great deal of splendid work is being done in each of our countries.

In a very short time we shall send you a copy of the audited accounts for 1941. We have decided that it would be unwise to attempt to send them as usual to all of our member countries. We are, however, going to send them to the officers and will file a copy in each of the national folders in order that they may be available when we can meet again.

Our Council is in exceedingly good shape even under present conditions, and we have had a reasonable number of contacts with many of the countries during the past two years. We hope that these may be resumed before too long a time has elapsed.

Miss Schwarzenberg completed her course at Teachers College, Columbia University, and received her Bachelor's degree. She now has a position in St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Massachusetts, as Assistant Director of Nurses. She was very happy to hold once again a position in a hospital and school of nursing. With very kind regards,

Very faithfully yours,  
EFFIE J. TAYLOR.

## 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 July 24th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman reported that a reply had been received from the Ministry of Health concerning the extension and arrangement of hours of work for the staff.

It was agreed that the letter be placed before the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

It was reported that Miss R. Stallard (now Mrs. Thomas) had been fined £10, and £2 2s. costs at Bognor Petty Sessions for posing as a Registered Nurse.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,875 for weekly salaries, £25 for petty cash, £900 for postage, and £100 for insurance stamps were allowed.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register, by examination, 1; by reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 10; by reciprocity, 3. Total, 22.

It was agreed that 65 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 the Register of Nurses for 1942 has been received from the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

### Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that: The schemes of affiliation between St. Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall, and St. Anthony's Hospital, Cheam; and between the Royal Cripples' Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham, and the Bristol Royal Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of Ipswich Borough General Hospital and Wembley Hospital as Complete Training Schools for General Nurses, be extended for a further period of two years or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less;

Schemes of affiliation between Abergele Sanatorium and Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and Withington Hospital, Manchester, be now fully approved;

Lancaster and District Isolation Hospital be now fully approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

It was agreed that the Diploma of Physical Education of the University of London be recognised as a qualification for teachers of the subjects of Anatomy and Physiology in Pre-Nursing Courses, and that holders of this Diploma be no longer required to hold in addition the Teacher's Certificate of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics.

It was agreed that the one-year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at the Tiffin County School for Girls, Kingston-upon-Thames; the two-year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at the Tiffin County School for Girls, Kingston-upon-Thames; the one-year whole-time Pre-Nursing Course at Bilston Girls' High School, Staffs; at Mexborough Secondary School, Yorks; and at Portsmouth Council (Southern) Secondary School for Girls, be approved for the purposes of Part I. of the Preliminary Examination.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for September 25th.

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