

national Council of Nurses and the President of the American Nurses' Association among our speakers." The retiring President (Miss Grace M. Fairley) whose term of office has been brilliantly fulfilled, has been succeeded by Miss Marion Lindeburgh, who, let us hope, may also become personally associated with us through our International Council. Miss Lindeburgh is known throughout Canada for her work in the field of nursing education, with a personality of great charm. Her early years were spent as a teacher in Saskatchewan before entering the School of Nursing of St. Luke's Hospital, in New York City, where she graduated in 1919. In 1932, she completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree, which she received from Columbia University in 1932, since which time she has added a Master of Arts Degree, from Columbia University.

One particularly memorable summer was spent in making a survey of health conditions in the remote Northern part of Saskatchewan. Her experience during that time, when she travelled for weeks by canoe with an Indian guide as her only companion would outrival a Hollywood "thriller." The brief sketch of Miss Marion Lindeburgh, by Miss Mary S. Mathewson, in the *Canadian Nurse*, can only suggest the qualities which the new President brings to the task which she shares with others, in directing the course of professional nursing in Canada during the next two years. Suffice it to say that in taking her place in the lengthening line of outstanding women who have shaped the policy of the Association Miss Lindeburgh brings rich experience and proven ability for leadership, fine faith, and indomitable courage as well. "At a time when hard-won standards must be maintained in addition to building new strength for the future these qualities take on an added significance."

The September issue of the *South African Nursing Journal* is, as are all the Nursing Journals owned and controlled by National organisations of nurses, full of interesting items of news. The Report of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Central Governing Board of the National Association records is inspired with a keen professional sense—its members are left in no doubt "that, he that would be free himself must strike the blow," and in every direction this appears to be the policy of the Association.

As Founder of the International Council of Nurses, we read the following acknowledgment with sincere pleasure: "It is not possible, states the report, to

measure the full benefit derived by this country from affiliation with the International Council of Nurses. Not the least has been the provision of Scholarships for University Diplomas under the Florence Nightingale Foundation by which South Africa has enjoyed 11; also the stimulus and inspiration of the work of the Standing Committees on Nursing Education, Public Health, Mental Hygiene, and Private Duty Nursing." What a contrast to the spirit of depreciation and degrading of Nursing standards, by flooding this country with semi-trained nurses, as recommended by the Royal College of Nursing.

The South African Trained Nurses' Association sustains a serious loss by the retirement of Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., as General President, which position she has filled with great advantage to nursing in South Africa. She has been elected a member of the Editorial Board.

Miss S. M. Marwick succeeds Miss Alexander, R.R.C., as General President; the former automatically reverts to 1st Vice-President.

Since the inauguration of the Civilian Nurses' Air Raid Victims' Fund, over £5,000 has been sent to England for the immediate relief of air raid victims—the Royal College of Nursing having been entrusted with its distribution—the Central Governing Board has decided finally to close the fund. It has been decided to inaugurate in its place a fund for South African Nurses, to be available for all nurses, civilian and military, serving South Africa, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the fund will meet with the same generous response as the fund for British nurses.

It will be remembered that other Dominions have also sent thousands of pounds to the Royal College for our war-raided nurses but so far it has not published a balance sheet. It is to be hoped that this will be available at an early date.

When a wounded deaf-blind man was taken into hospital during a recent air raid, the staff could not converse with him because of their ignorance of the simple manual alphabet. As a result, some of his injuries were not located and he died two days later. Another incident of the kind, though without fatal consequences, occurred at a local police station.

The National Institute for the Blind has issued a card on which the deaf-blind alphabet is explained by photographs, and urges that a copy should be kept in every hospital and police station throughout the country.



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