

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We have received the following letter from Dean Effie J. Taylor, President of the International Council of Nurses, which contains news which will naturally be of interest to every member of our National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:—

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

I am retiring in June, 1944, from this School of Nursing at Yale (of which she is Dean), as the time has come when it is expedient to turn such a very important work over to younger hands and minds. It will, of course, provide for me much more time to devote to the reorganisation of the International Council of Nurses. Your friends here all seem about as usual; we often speak of you and your remarkable vitality.

Affectionately, and with Season's Greetings,

Faithfully yours,

EFFIE J. TAYLOR.

So long as our International President retains her office, we feel sure that her retirement from official office at Yale will be all in our favour, as we all know that Dean Effie Taylor's heart is inspired with wide international sympathy, and the more time she can devote to the Nursing World in general, the better, as the time is not far distant when the nurses of the world will be summoned to resume their communion for the benefit of humanity.

### DEAN TAYLOR'S RETIREMENT.

From the American Press we reprint the following interesting report:—

Dean of the Yale School of Nursing since 1934, Miss Effie J. Taylor will retire on June 30, 1944, according to an announcement by President Charles Seymour, of Yale.

At the same time it was announced that she will be succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Seeyle Bixler, director of nursing at Norwich State Hospital, who is the first graduate of the Yale School of Nursing to serve as its dean. Miss Bixler was appointed also as professor of nursing, effective March 1, 1944.

In announcing Miss Taylor's retirement, President Seymour said: "Dean Taylor's retirement at the end of the college year brings to all members of the university a sense of deep regret and warm gratitude for her distinguished service to Yale. Under her administration the School of Nursing has worthily maintained the ideals which characterised its original purposes, and has constantly enhanced the prestige of Yale in this vital field of education.

#### Canadian Born.

Born in Ontario, Dean Taylor was graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 1907, and later became director of the nursing department of the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 1917 and 1918 she was director of the Army School of Nursing at Camp Meade. From 1923 until 1934 she served as superintendent of nurses at the New Haven Hospital.

In 1926 Miss Taylor received the B.S. from Columbia University and an honorary M.A. from Yale, and was appointed Professor of Psychiatric Nursing, the first appointment of its kind ever to be made. In 1923 she became executive secretary of the National League of Nursing Education, and served as its president from 1932 to 1937. She has been President of the International Council of Nurses since 1937, and was in Europe attending a meeting of the directors of the organisation in 1939 when the present war began. She is a member of the Connecticut War Council.

She is also a member of the Inter-American Nursing Committee, the Red Cross Committee on Inter-American

Scholarships in Nursing, the National Committee of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, the National Nursing Council of War Service, the Nursing Committee for Foreign Post-War Planning, the Committee on Nursing Education in War Time of the National League of Nursing Education, the Connecticut State Nursing Council for War Service, the New Haven Nursing Council for War Service, the American Red Cross Nurses' Aide Committee, and the American Red Cross Committee on Home Nursing.

### MISS ELIZABETH SEEYLE BIXLER.

A native of New London, Miss Bixler received the B.A. degree from Smith College in 1922, the M.A. degree from Radcliffe College in 1924, and the R.N. from the Yale School of Nursing in 1927.

From the above reports it will be realised how highly qualified our colleagues in the United States must be before attaining supreme supervision.

No doubt the time is coming when Matrons in this country will hold definite qualifications and degrees. They will then no longer unite to de-grade our hardly attained professional status as the Association of Hospital Matrons has done.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

As a gift from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, as reported, greetings, together with a copy of "The White Cliffs," were sent to the headquarters of Dominion Nurses, also to that of the American Nurses' Association, we felt sure this touching work would be duly appreciated. We must keep in touch—it is now nearly seven years since we met from all parts of the world in London, and we are all looking forward to our next reunion, when reports of the most strenuous war work all over the world will be made, and when many tragedies and irreparable losses will be reported.

The following letter from Miss Marion Lindeburgh, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, will be read with pleasure:—

CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

December 21st, 1943.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

Your delightful letter and charming little book, "The White Cliffs," arrived in this morning's mail, bringing your greetings in good time to the Canadian Nurses' Association.

I am going to National Office to-morrow and shall place the book in the library. The members will be so pleased to know that you have sent it to us.

We are thinking of you all in Great Britain at this Christmas time, so steadfast and courageous. We hope and pray that the countryside may be peaceful, and that the New Year may bring victory.

Your colleagues in Canada are so anxious to help in any way. We stand ready. We were so thankful to learn that the Canadian Sisters who were torpedoed are all safe. I had many friends in the group.

We also rejoice that Mr. Churchill is recovering. God bless him. We trust he will soon be home safely.

On behalf of the Canadian Nurses' Association I do want to assure you how much members will appreciate your thoughtful Christmas message and lovely gift.

We look forward always to the arrival of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

With affection and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

MARION LINDEBURGH.

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