

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Our President, Dean Effie Taylor, R.N., sends us the following letter in introducing Miss Rose Dolan, who is now in London on her way "to the front" to work with the American Red Cross. We have enjoyed an enlightening interview with Miss Dolan, and given her information in exchange.

April 14th, 1944.

TO OUR VERY DEAR COLLEAGUES,

Miss Rose Dolan, one of our old friends, a member of the American Nurses' Association and a graduate of the Army School of Nursing in the United States, brings to you greetings from your colleagues of the International Council of Nurses with headquarters in New York, U.S.A.

We have been so happy in having the opportunity to meet Miss Dolan again, and we are taking the liberty of asking her to carry our affectionate good wishes to you, and we hope that she will be able to bring or send back to us messages from any of our members she may have the good fortune to meet. She looks forward to being another link between us until our closer association is made possible. We are grateful that through her kindness some contacts will be made.

Our loving good wishes we send with her to all those whom she may meet, and we trust that you will keep in touch with us by one means and another until we have a United Congress and hear in person of all that has happened since we were gathered together in London in 1937.

Affectionately yours,
EFFIE J. TAYLOR, *President.*

From MISS ANNA SCHWARZENBERG, R.N., B.S.,
Temporary Headquarters, 1819, Broadway,
New York 23, U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

Our I.C.N. Headquarters are now transferred to New York. I am glad to be able to tell you that we are once more starting work on a business-like basis.

Our first letter to you from the new Headquarters is to bring you our heartfelt sympathy for the tragic fate that has come to the building in Queen's Gate. Both Miss Taylor and I were deeply shaken, reading the editorial in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

We could not help but feel great admiration for you. We visualised you ascending those stairs and taking stock of the destruction. In our minds we saw you, sad but unshaken, wounded but unbeaten, and carrying on the work as strong as ever.

You know how we feel about it, and words cannot express these feelings. I wish I could just see you for a moment to show that I understand and admire you.

Hoping that this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ANNA SCHWARZENBERG, *Executive Secretary.*

It is well to realise that every day as we near ultimate victory in this war to the death, that the I.C.N. stands as the leading organisation of Professional Nurses in the World, and we feel sure will realise its responsible duty with energy when the welcome "All Clear" is sounded throughout the world.

A WORD TO STUDENT NURSES.

No State or policy can prosper unless the groundwork is moral. The ethical basis of all politics is humanity, and humanity is an international programme; it is a new word for the old love of our fellowmen.—MASARYK.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

NURSING PROGRESS IN INDIA.

The following appreciative letters have been received from the Trained Nurses Association of India, which is steadily making progress in the uprising and organisation of Nursing and Midwifery, and in the promotion of national health in that Empire.

When war ceases and a regular session of the International Council of Nurses meets in amity, we feel sure no group of nurses will have a more progressive report to submit than the Trained Nurses of India.

Some day that magnificent Empire will welcome the I.C.N. in Conference, and what a marvellous report will then be submitted. A truly inspiring story.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

Viceregal Estate,
New Delhi.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

It was a very great pleasure to receive your exceedingly kind letter with all its good wishes for Christmas from the Nurses of the National Council of Great Britain to all members of our Association. We send you our heartfelt thanks, and also for the delightful little book for our library "Queen Mary's book for India." It has already given much pleasure to several members. We have been very busy with our Annual Meetings, which were held in Delhi in January. Lady Wavell, our Patron, opened these meetings and we had a very representative gathering from all parts of India. I have been on a sub-Committee for post-war Nursing reconstruction in India—we have great hopes that there will be radical improvements in regard to the standard and status of Nurses throughout the whole of India, and also in Nursing education.

It is indeed uphill work, but we know we have the sympathy and help of the National Council of Nurses in Great Britain and of the valiant President. With again many thanks for your remembrance.

Yours sincerely,

A. WILKINSON, *President.*

The Trained Nurses' Association of India.

Office of the Surgeon-General, Madras.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

I received the January copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on March 21st and noticed the paragraph in which you offered your congratulations on my recent award by His Majesty the King, of the Kaisar-i-Hind Gold Medal, and you kindly mentioned my services for Nursing in India.

Please accept my grateful thanks for your congratulations and thoughts. The 18 years I have spent in Madras have been years of hard work which I have thoroughly enjoyed doing, and if the Nursing profession and the peoples of India benefit by the service I have been able to give, I shall be very happy indeed.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

D. CHADWICK, *Assistant (Nursing).*

Miss C. M. Courtenay, T.A.N.S., Staff Matron, Headquarters, Central Command, India, encourages the policy and work of this journal in a most interesting communication, to which we shall allude further. It is most encouraging to the Editor to learn that she appreciates all the news in the Journal so very much: "I do appreciate personally, and thoroughly uphold the aim to keep sacred the status of the State Registered Nurse."

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