

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Our International President, Miss Effie Jane Taylor, R.N., has now retired from the important administrative position of Dean of the Nursing School attached to Yale University, U.S.A., and her fine work in that capacity will no doubt be widely recognised.

HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.

Miss Effie Taylor was recently honoured by being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, a distinction we are all proud she should receive.

The following citation was made by President Allen of Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y., at the ceremony at which recognition took place:—

Mr. President,

I have the honour to present Effie Jane Taylor, since 1934, Dean of one of our outstanding schools of Nursing—that of Yale University.

Coming from Canada to the United States, in young womanhood, to pursue her professional training, Miss Taylor graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and received her degree of Bachelor of Science from Columbia University.

Her talents as teacher and administrator were early recognised by her own school, where she progressed through positions of increasing responsibility to become the associate principal, and the director of the Phippa Psychiatric Clinic. During the first world war, on leave of absence, she acted as Director of the Army School of Nursing at Camp Meade.

Upon the organisation of the Yale University School of Nursing she was appointed associate professor of nursing, and was later honoured by the University with the degree of Master of Arts. She succeeded to the Deanship of the School in 1934.

Miss Taylor's professional interests and activities have always extended beyond the confines of any position she has held. Through membership on important nursing committees and through articles and addresses she has furthered the progress of nursing education. She has served almost continuously since 1916 on the board of the National League of Nursing Education and was the president for four years. She is now president of the International Council of Nurses—an office of honour, the greatest the profession can bestow upon an individual member—and in an organisation which reflects her own conviction that nursing knows no national nor racial boundaries.

Because of her professional eminence, and because of the intelligence, the vision, the honesty, the kindness of spirit and sincere love of her fellowmen which have characterised her work, I take pleasure in presenting Effie Jane Taylor for the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Members of our National Council of Nurses will be interested to know that our International President, is still to reside in New Haven, and her new address is 472, Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.—we learn, a charming apartment, where she hopes to receive her numerous friends. Miss Effie Taylor intends to devote time and energy in furthering the interests of the I.C.N., but realises that a trip to England must wait awhile. We, on this side, with death in the offing hour after hour, warn our colleagues overseas that only on active duty should they come to England at the present time.

Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, has her office at 1,819, Broadway, New York, and has recently attended interesting meetings in various parts of Canada, where nurses can foregather in safety, and at which, no doubt, nursing service and politics can be discussed with advantage to the profession generally.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Calista Banwarth, who acted as Secretary of the I.C.N. *pro tem.*, was married recently to Mr. Thomas Gordon Salmon, Army of the United States, at West Palm Beach, Florida, and her friends in England, of whom she made many, when a pupil at Florence Nightingale International House, will wish, we feel sure, to offer congratulations and a happy future.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

It was in the year 1888 that Miss Catharine Grace Loch, R.R.C., sometime Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was appointed Senior Lady Superintendent of the new Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, and proved her quality in the organisation of that somewhat difficult Service. Her love for, and understanding of India and its peoples, inspired interest not only in the nursing of the British soldier in India, but throughout the Empire where the fruits of her work are to be seen in the hospitals of India today.

It was not until 1908 that action was taken by our nurses in India, and the Trained Nurses Association of India was formed, of which inspiring organisation Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was invited to become an Hon. Member, an honour she sincerely appreciated. Later the Association was affiliated to the International Council of Nurses and formed an extremely important group, the delegates of which brought questions of unique interest to its deliberations, the Journal of the Association containing information not to be obtained from any other source.

THE LAMP.

As a talisman the Association adopted a beautiful little brass handlamp, and recently Miss Diana Hartley visited the British College of Nurses, Ltd., and conveyed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick an inscribed Lamp "from the Trained Nurses Association of India," a gift which she received with very sincere pleasure and gratitude, and which she intends shall be included in the future with other special historic items in the "History of Nursing" Section of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., which already contains so many unique items of professional interest.

Our sincere thanks for this inspiring gift has been sent to Miss A. Wilkinson, President, and the members of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, of which Miss Diana Hartley has been the invaluable General Secretary for many years, and whose retirement from office is sincerely deplored by her colleagues in India.

A SPLENDID RESULT.

Lord Iliffe, chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, has announced that collections during June amounted to no less than £1,355,496.

This is really splendid—our gallant men in prison camps need every penny.

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