

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Effie Taylor, R.N., President I.C.N. and Miss Isabel Stewart, R.N., have been very busy in consultation with many British colleagues since they arrived in London a fortnight ago. They are staying at the United Nursing Services' Club in Cavendish Square, W.1, and hope to visualise the nursing in Europe, now war is at an end, with a view to future organisation.

LETTER FROM MISS SCHWARZENBERG.

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To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,
19 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—It is with sincere regret that I heard of your retirement from the Presidency of the Council. You must certainly need some rest after having carried on so valiantly all through the terrible war years, and I am sure that the British nurses appreciate your unselfish devotion to their cause. And we hope that, as founder of the I.C.N., you will remain among us for many years to come.

How happy you all must be now that the war is really over at last. What your country has gone through nobody can appreciate and the British nurses certainly have done a wonderful job. Our best wishes for real peace and reconstruction are going out to you at the termination of this most devastating war.

You will get all our news from Miss Taylor. I was glad to know that she arrived safely from the kind telegram which she sent me upon the death of my mother. I received the sad news only last week. She died on August 12th, in the Russian occupied part of Austria.

We expect to publish the first issue of our Bulletin next month, as you will see from the attached notice. I wonder if you could print this notice in the next issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. A few subscriptions have already come in and we are most hopeful about this project.

Miss Taylor will have told you that I now have an assistant executive secretary. We were most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Julia Freund, a graduate of Yale University, with some experience in Latin America. This takes a great load off my shoulders and makes it possible for me to move more freely.

We were most interested in your article about the I.C.N. and Miss Taylor, and I know that she will be delighted to see it.

With the very best wishes for the future, I am, very sincerely yours,

ANNA SCHWARZENBERG,
Executive Secretary.

THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING BULLETIN.

The I.C.N. announces the publication of *The International Nursing Bulletin*, a four-page successor to *The International Nursing Review* which was suspended in 1939 due to the war. The first issue of the *Bulletin* will appear in October, 1945, and will be complimentary. It will be published quarterly from then on, and will be increased in size and scope until it becomes a review of professional literature for its international subscribers.

The subscription price for four issues beginning January, 1946, is \$1.00. The price will have to be increased as the *Bulletin* is enlarged, but not during the first year. Please make your cheques payable to "The International Council of Nurses," 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N.Y., U.S.A.

Send in subscriptions early as the number of copies of the complimentary October issue is limited.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

As we go to press, an important Executive meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is being held, at 45, Gloucester Place, W.1, by permission of the Management Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation.

Constructive business was agreed; a sub-committee was appointed to consider the constitution; representatives were appointed to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain; also to the National Council of Women. A long list of new delegates to represent the affiliated societies were considered; approved dates for future meetings were agreed—the Annual Meeting to be held on November 30th. A very interesting Reception was held, at which Miss Effie Taylor, Miss Isabel M. Stewart (from U.S.A.) were present, and foreign guests included: Mlle. Jeanne de Joannis (from France); Mlle. C. Mechelynck (from Belgium), Miss Snellman (Finland), and a large number of representative Matrons and Nurses from Great Britain—all apparently inspired by an international spirit. An important decision is to be taken at an early date as to when and where the next International Congress of Nurses is to be held.

It is hoped it may be in New York, in 1947.

AN INTERNATIONAL REUNION AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

By invitation of the Matron, Miss G. V. Hillyers, S.R.N., a Dinner was held in the William Shepherd Hall, St. Thomas's Hospital, on Monday, September 17th, to meet Miss Effie Taylor, R.N., President of the International Council of Nurses, and Miss Isabel Stewart, R.N., Teachers College, New York.

Miss Hillyers, who presided over a brilliant gathering, welcomed the international guests and leading matrons from the United Kingdom, to which Miss Effie Taylor replied. Needless to say everything was beautifully arranged and the dinner perfect.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.**MEETING OF COUNCIL.**

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses Ltd., will be summoned to meet at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Thursday, September 27th, at 2.30 p.m., when important items of business will be discussed. Since the last meeting of the Council, a new Government in which the Labour Party has an outstanding majority has been elected, and this will necessitate active action by Registered Nurses on the present disorganised condition of Nursing as a Profession for educated women, resulting in lack of efficient care for the sick.

The policy of the British College of Nurses Ltd., is quite simple in this connection. As a highly skilled, self supporting community, the Registered Nurses have a right to govern their own work, in so far as its economic relations with the community pertain.

This is the fundamental principle demanded by skilled workers throughout just government.

WEDDING GIFT.

Before commencing the business of the meeting a wedding gift will be presented by members of Council to Mrs. T. V. H. Barber, S.R.N. (formerly Mrs. Lediard), Vice-President of the British College of Nurses Ltd., whose marriage to the Rev. T. V. H. Barber took place on September 6th.

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