

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

In reply to several enquiries concerning the International Council of Nurses, to which our National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is affiliated, it was founded in London in 1899, upon the proposal of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., and its History is extant till 1925 in book form; from which date it is hoped its records may be continued by the present Executive Secretary, whose literary talents are of such high order.

The present officers are:—

President: Miss Effie J. Taylor, R.N., B.S., M.A., L.H.D.

First Vice-President: Miss B. G. Alexander, O.B.E., R.R.C., South Africa.

Second Vice-President: Mlle. J. de Joannis, France.

Third Vice-President: Miss Grace M. Fairley, R.N., Canada.

Treasurer: Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., England.

Executive Secretary: Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, R.N., B.S., New York, U.S.A.

We have received the following letter from Miss Effie Taylor, President, I.C.N., from New Haven, U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.—“Just a short note to tell you that if all goes well Miss Stewart and I are planning to arrive in London somewhere near the first of September. I am so anxious to revive the work of the I.C.N. again. I have been invited by several of our Member Countries to go to Europe to begin some talks with them about the next steps in our progress. A great deal has happened since last we met, and there are many things for us to discuss both professional and personal interests. The problem which is facing us is *not* going overseas, but getting a priority to return, and it would seem as though we may have to wait until we get to London. However, before leaving we hope to have a sure assurance of approximate date of returning in October. It will be splendid to see all our British friends again, and I am happy in the prospect.

Affectionately,
EFFIE J. TAYLOR.”

We can hardly believe that it is eight years since our happy Congress in London, and such years of horror and disaster, it is difficult for those free from hourly association with violent death to realise what war at the front means.

Our International President will, we feel sure, be warmly welcomed in Britain, and now that our National Council of Nurses will be in Session at an early date, consideration

can be given to future organisation for the benefit of our profession, which is in need of very serious methods of reform in many directions.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain having been in abeyance for six years, the younger generation of nurses know little of its history from its foundation, in 1904, at Berlin. Now that the Council proposes to again become active, we propose to reprint items of its history which should be common knowledge in the United Kingdom.

This information is to be found in the bound volumes of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING from the year 1901, of which since its first publication, in 1888—the files fill 92 bound volumes—a really monumental contribution to Nursing history. It is to be hoped that in the near future a handsome prize will be offered for a synopsis of “Professional Nursing Organisation in Great Britain.”

When at the end of the last century Miss Lavinia L. Dock visited England in search of nursing conditions, she called at the office of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and sat daily in the Board Room studying nursing history. In years to come she attained the indisputable rank of Chief Nurse Historian who, together with Professor Adelaide Nutting, placed us all in their debt with the publication of the incomparable “History of Nursing,” which should be available in all Hospital Libraries for Nurses.

This work is now in its fourth edition, Miss Isabel

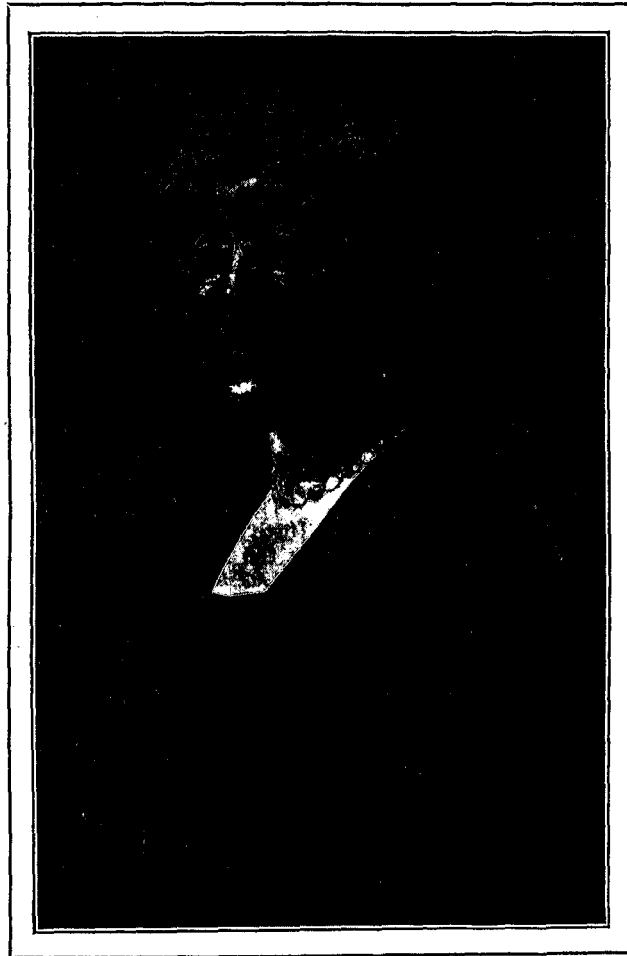
M. Stewart, A.M., R.N., Professor of Nursing Education, being associated with Miss Dock in its production.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has been summoned to meet on Saturday, September 15th, at 2 p.m., at 45, Gloucester Place, W.1 (by kind permission of the Management Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation).

It is anticipated that Miss Effie Taylor, R.N., President of the International Council of Nurses will be in London early in September, together with representatives of other countries, and it is proposed to hold a Reception after the meeting.

With Peace declared, we look forward to a great future of inspiration by the Registered Nurses throughout the world.



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