

Thursday, August 8th

10 a.m. : The social placement of nurses, position and salaries, etc.

Report from the different countries.

Lecture by Miss Maren Grosen : "Which sense has the personal influence upon the training of the nurses?"

Discussion.

Resolutions.

Closing of the Congress.

8 p.m. : Farewell Festivals.

August 9th and 10th : Meetings of the Board and Working Committee of S.S.N.

THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING BULLETIN.

A copy of No. 3, Vol. II of *The International Nursing Bulletin* is just to hand in which the Editor, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, gives a résumé of her five months' tour of Europe, and the impressions she gained from the countries she visited.

Of England, she hopes for the reorganisation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, since many countries are looking to Great Britain for leadership in matters of nursing.

Of Switzerland, the advantage of neutrality, not only to its own people, but to the entire world is emphasised, through the untiring efforts of the International Red Cross in Geneva. The Swiss Nurses Association has expanded its activities, and is now in a position to set the pace as far as nursing education is concerned. The shortage of nurses is a great problem.

In Czechoslovakia an ambitious plan has been proposed to divide the whole country into thirty Health Centres, which would consist of a hospital and a school of nursing. As the health work is improving and growing throughout the country, the shortage of nurses becomes more acute.

The Nurses' Association of Czechoslovakia was dissolved during the occupation, and the President put in a concentration camp, but it is hoped a way may be found for the re-establishment of the Association, in accordance with the ideals of the International Council of Nurses.

In nursing, as in politics, Germany and Austria present the most difficult problems. The American and British nurses of the Occupation Armies are trying to help the German nurses to get together again; schools of nursing throughout Germany are slowly re-opening.

In Paris, Miss Schwarzenberg visited several hospitals, and found great need for more nurses, the new generation being so undernourished, many of the girls entering training schools are too weak to go on with their studies. The French Nurses' Association continued to function to a degree during the whole occupation. Many supplies and instruments were taken from the French hospitals by the Germany, which makes it difficult to conduct proper nursing instruction. France has some new nursing legislation before the Assembly in the form of a Nursing Act.

Nursing in Belgium seems to have recovered from the effects of the war rather quickly in comparison with other European countries. Most nursing schools in Belgium are excellent, the lay ones as well as those conducted by religious orders.

In Holland, there are a number of independent nurses organisations, of which, only one has membership in the I.C.N. The shortage of nurses is very acute, but the students and candidates seemed to be of good quality.

In summing up, Miss Schwarzenberg says, "Nurses have done a wonderful job everywhere. Their spirit and courage and self-sacrifice have been admirable."

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A large budget of letters and telegrams have been received from at home and abroad expressing deepest sympathy with the President in her serious accident.

Mrs. Fenwick would like her many kind enquirers to know how deeply she appreciates their messages of affectionate regard.

We are publishing a few messages from old friends made through the International Council of Nurses, and from colleagues in the literary side of nursing activities :

TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA,
DELHI,

August 19th, 1946.

DEAR MISS STEWART BRYSON,—It is with very deep concern and regret that we hear of the accident to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and on behalf of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, we send our very sincere sympathy.

Will you please convey these to her and tell her how very sorry we are to hear such sad news, and how much we hope that she is making good progress, and that she is free from pain.

Will you please assure her of our great regard and sympathy in such a very unfortunate circumstance and say how very much we feel for her.

With renewed and very real sympathy,

Yours sincerely,

M. E. ABRAM, General Secretary,
Trained Nurses' Association of India.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

August 28th, 1946.

MRS. BEDFORD-FENWICK, PRESIDENT,

BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I read with the greatest regret and sorrow in your Journal that you had been unfortunate enough to get a fractured femur, and do hope that your spirit and the good nursing you are sure to receive at your old hospital, St. Bartholomew's will bring you safely to a good recovery.

I felt greatly privileged to meet you in person when the Australian Nursing Federation became formally affiliated with the International Council of Nurses in London in 1937. I had known your name and your efforts on behalf of nursing all my nursing days, and Miss McGehey, under whom I trained in Sydney, had often spoken of you. That early circle of your associates is unfortunately becoming rapidly diminished.

I announced at our Annual Meeting of the Royal Victorian College of Nursing, Melbourne, on Thursday 24th inst., the sad news of your accident which had just come to hand, and the sincerest sympathy with you was expressed, and it was resolved to send a cable to you to this effect, also to send you a parcel of eatables. The latter will take longer in transmission.

Miss Ethel Gray, who met you in 1937 and was Matron at the Australian Hospital (military) at Harefield in the last war, also sends her sympathy and best wishes. We are sending you a woollen bed-jacket as by the time it reaches you the colder days will have arrived in England. It is not as nice a one as we should have liked to send but choice is rather limited. Several people said they would have liked to knit you one. Personally I think a fabric one is more useful, and for that reason Miss Gray and I are sending this one. I remember you like pink for a colour, it is more *uplifting* than blue!

I do hope you will be spared suffering, immobilisation is

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