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How does I.C.N. Headquarters Function?

The Board of Directors appoints a nurse as executive secretary who is in charge of headquarters. The executive secretary travels a great deal, visiting member associations and those who want to become members.

Up to 1937 headquarters were in Geneva, then they were moved to London. After the outbreak of the war it was thought advisable to move to the country where the incumbent president of the I.C.N. is residing. Since then the office has been maintained in the United States, where it will remain for the duration and business has been carried on as far as possible.

The work at headquarters has been limited due to the war, but as countries are being liberated contacts are being resumed and plans for rehabilitation and re-organisation are being made. Many new problems have arisen. Among those much thought is given to postwar planning in nursing and affiliated fields all over the world.

A compilation of nursing laws of all countries and their history is being made. This work will be the first of its kind and very important in the future development of nursing legislation.

With many countries cut off from each other through the war, I.C.N. headquarters has been an important centre of information and communication. Nurses travelling outside their countries have been given assistance in planning their trips to best advantage. Educational programmes as well as instructive visits to nursing centres have been arranged. Headquarters has kept in close touch with Army nurses abroad, supplying them with information which facilitated their contact with nurses in liberated areas.

As soon as possible after the war a Congress will be convened. Up to 1937 Congresses were held regularly, each time in a different country. It has been a tradition of the I.C.N. to give the newly elected president a watchword for her period of office. The watchwords express the high ideals of the Council and have proved true guides through the years of untiring devotion to the cause of the profession. The following is a list of all Congresses, and the acting presidents:—

Buffalo (1901), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (England); Berlin (1904), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (England); London (1909), Sister Agnes Karll (Germany); Cologne (1912), Miss A. W. Goodrich (U.S.A.); San Francisco (1915), cancelled; Copenhagen (1922), Baroness Mannerheim (Finland); Helsingfors (1925), Miss Nina Gage (China); Montreal (1929), Mlle. Chaptal (France); Paris (1933), Dame Alicia Lloyd Still (England); London (1937), Miss Effie J. Taylor (U.S.A.).

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* appeared 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.

THE LEADING NURSING JOURNAL.

We publish the following letter from the Editor of the leading Nursing Journal in the world with sincere gratitude. It inspires one with courage to continue the long struggle of half a century for the benefit not only of our beloved profession but for justice. When pioneers pass, it is well that the truth stands for ever in the records of their time.

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Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Editor
BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING

19 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Your March JOURNAL has brought the editors of the *American Journal of Nursing* a happy surprise and very real pleasure. I shall have great pleasure in bringing to the attention of our Board of Directors your very complimentary editorial about our magazine. Coming, as it does, from the Dean of professional nurse editors, it will be especially welcome.

We are very much pleased to have the extra copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING which you so thoughtfully sent us.

What wonderful opportunities lie just ahead for our profession. The necessity for wise interpretation of them places a very heavy obligation on the professional Press, as we of the *American Journal of Nursing* are acutely aware. "Build always for your successors" summarizes one of the most important lessons Miss Goodrich taught me long ago. I have found it peculiarly applicable to the editorial function.

Thank you, dear Mrs. Fenwick, for your stimulating commendation of the *American Journal of Nursing*. The present editor learned about courage from the examples set by Miss Palmer and Mrs. Fenwick.

Sincerely yours,
MARY M. ROBERTS, R.N., Editor.

The April issue of the *American Journal of Nursing* contains pictorial and most eloquent appreciation of Miss Annie W. Goodrich representing "Tomorrow's Nurse."

"In New York on February 26th to receive the homage of her many friends, the beloved Dean Emeritus of the Yale University School of Nursing, recommended the public again as she had recommended it for more than half-a-century that health standards throughout the country will be improved only if nurses are 'scientifically informed, socially experienced and technically expert.'"

This article should be read not only by her colleagues but by all those who realise their responsibility for the training of nurses.

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