

their legislation until 1922, when all the provinces had passed similar Acts. The registration of nurses is designed to protect the public against incompetent persons practising as nurses. The members of the Canadian Nurses' Association feel responsible for safeguarding the public in the use of professional and non-professional nursing and endorse the principle that all who nurse the sick for hire be licensed. They are keenly interested in raising the standards of nursing care and in making this better nursing care available, as needed, to all citizens in Canada.

We hope to give further space to this matter at an early date.

### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Susan G. Francis, chairman of the Nomination Committee of the International Council of Nurses, informs us that she has been instructed by Miss Effie J. Taylor that it is planned to hold a Congress in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S.A., and an accompanying meeting of the Grand Council in Washington, D.C., in May, 1947, when the elections and routine business of the I.C.N. will be officially conducted, which includes the election of President, Treasurer, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Third Vice-President.

These meetings will be unusually interesting next year and no doubt will be eagerly attended.

Communications on International business should be addressed to Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, 1819 Broadway, New York 23, New York, U.S.A.

### VICTORY DAY, JUNE 8, 1946.

Let us all pray that the sun may shine on Victory Day, when after long delay our magnificent men, whose lives have been spared throughout the war, are to march through London, the capital of the Empire, which they saved from the demoniacal conquest by Germany and her allies.

The triumph of our saviours is for all time, and our welcome will ring down the ages, but in our heart of hearts all will not be triumph—there are few of us who can silence the death appeal of the thousands of valiant men whose blood has dyed the earth crimson; and of those lives which have been broken by brutalising tyranny. The King's Majesty and the Queen, examples of patriotism are, of course, to stand forth in the pageant and will receive the acclamation they deserve, and with them will be the great-hearted patriot and political leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, who saved Great Britain and the British Empire from destruction in the dark days of war. It is good to know that the triumphant sailors, soldiers and airmen are to have gratitude and glory. Around this stalwart little isle the waters come whispering "No surrender, for ever and for ever we are on the wave."

### FAREWELL.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has abdicated and, with Queen Helena, will now reside at the Antoniadis Palace in Alexandria. To those lined up on the quarter deck the King said, "Farewell to you all, you are the men I have loved all my life."

### NURSING ECHOES.

The love affairs of the Dukes of Rutland have attained notoriety for centuries, and the recent marriage of the present young Duke to Miss Anne B. Cumming Bell—a professional mannequin—adds to their romance, and those of us brought up in The Vale of Belvoir, realise that "love sickness" still exists. Every good "wife" in the Vale knew that Dorothy Vernon, the heiress of Haddon Hall, eloped with the heir to the Dukedom in the sixteenth century, and the lovely old house and property are still enjoyed by the Manners family. The next romance came in the early nineteenth century when the "proud" Duke ruined the happiness of his eldest son, the Marquis of Granby, by his refusal to his marriage with the lady he loved. We all sympathised with the sad looking man who never married, whose father dismissed his appeal in the words: "You have wrong from me my assent, but you will never have my consent!"

Other romances followed: Lord John Manners, the handsomest man of his day, losing his beloved young wife, mother of another romantic, Mr. Henry Manners, all of whom reigned at Belvoir Castle, overlooking three counties, Leicester, Lincoln and Nottingham, and who shared their magnificent inheritance with the greatest generosity with rich and poor alike.

In our youth, the beauty of the Spring Gardens at Belvoir, designed and cultured by one of the greatest horticulturists in the world, the late Mr. Ingram, tempted visitors from all over the continent.

Let us hope that when the Castle is free from war tenants, the young Duke and Duchess will make it once more the centre of the gardens of England from which inspiration may arise.

As a probationer at the Children's Hospital at Nottingham nearly sixty years ago, we found no flowers in the garden. We wrote to Mr. Ingram, and almost by return he sent plants and flowers and gardeners. We "blossomed as the rose" to the delight of the little patients and their friends, and the people who peeped through the gate. We are still grateful for those blossoms.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, announces that a General Meeting will be held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m., when routine business will be transacted.

It has been proposed by the Executive Committee of the League that the subscription to the League should be raised to 10/- a year. This presumably is to meet the extra cost of the subscription to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

As throughout the Hospital World nurses' salaries of all classes have been considerably raised, it is the inevitable result that expenditure will also rise.

In this restless age it is not surprising to learn that plans are well advanced to establish in London an Imperial Hospital for Tropical Diseases which will have about 150 beds.

Already the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases in

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)