

## A VERY GLORIOUS DAY IN BRITISH HISTORY.

Words fail to describe the Glory of Victory Day, June 8th, 1946, when our saviours marched home.

Their Majesties the King and Queen, members of Government, the greatest men from Imperial and Commonwealth Powers acclaimed them. London flowered and flagged gave forth a riotous welcome to "the boys who won the war" in khaki and kilts before other great powers took part. No need to sing small. Acclaim the glorious British blood which has enriched the world.

The fine spirit of the women who took part in these glorious events soothed pain and knit together many hearts.

Hours of inspiration added to the deathless glory of the land we love.

## WELCOME NEWS FROM FRANCE.

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DEAR MRS. BEDFORD-FENWICK,—Work is not lacking and one feels more tired than before, to accomplish it! This, I ought not confess, when I see how you have managed to continue the publishing of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, all through the War, and how splendidly you are still working and energetically defending the ideals and beautiful traditions of Nursing, in your Country.

I thank you heartily for sending me the B.J.N. which we always find highly interesting and so well informed about many different questions of present times. We also admire its excellent form (presentation, paper, print), just as in pre-war times, and congratulate you for it.

At last I am able to send you in return, our Nursing-*Revue L'Infirmière Française*, which has only just reappeared this week. It is very modest and, to begin with, it is only going to be published every three months this year, for lack of paper and money. I hope very much that we shall be able to have it improved in 1947.

Hoping that you are in excellent health, and that you will be able to enjoy a nice summer-holiday after those strenuous years, I beg to remain, Dear Mrs. Bedford-Fenwick, with sincere admiration and affection,

Yours very sincerely,

JEANNE DE JOANNIS.

Nothing could have given us more pleasure than to receive the above letter from Mlle. Jeanne de Joannis, as proving that our dear France is once again taking active interest in professional nursing, and that this eminent lady is still holding many positions of professional authority in Paris.

Mlle. de Joannis is President of the Diplomaed Nurses of France, and has worked devotedly to raise nursing standards throughout the country, and it is indeed an honour to be associated with her service to the sick.

We have no doubt that French Nurses will be anxious to attend the International Congress of Nurses in the United States next year. As their country has many past associations with America, we feel sure anything Great Britain can do to unite with their French Sister Nurses, will be done with a warm heart.

## THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING BULLETIN.

The Quarterly publication of the International Council of Nurses is to hand, full as usual with very interesting information.

### News, Notes and Announcements.

The first official Board of Directors meeting of the I.C.N. has been called for September 3rd, 4th and 5th next in London.

An official letter from Miss Effie Taylor, President I.C.N., has gone out to all Member Associations, announcing the meeting and asking for reports on the activities of the associations. The I.C.N. Committees are resuming their work. It will be remembered that the I.C.N. Grand Council Meeting and Congress announced for 1941, had to be called off because of the War. The American Nurses' Association has most graciously renewed its invitation to the I.C.N. to hold its next Congress in the United States. Accordingly, a Grand Council Meeting and Congress are being planned for May, 1947, to be held in Washington and Atlantic City (on coast near New York) respectively. Official invitations will be sent out as soon as more definite arrangements can be made.

### Miss Schwarzenberg and Continental Conditions.

Miss Schwarzenberg as we know has been travelling on the Continent enquiring into Nursing conditions and arousing interest in the coming Congress. She has arrived back in New York and will find time all too short for all the organisation necessary.

That the Congress is to meet in Washington, in May, as well as at Atlantic City will give immense pleasure to European delegates, and we hear that internationalists in Great Britain are already making plans to attend the Congress.

Naturally as the International Council of Nurses was founded in London by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in 1899, with the support of great Nursing pioneers then alive—Isa Stewart (Barts.), Margaret Huxley (Barts. and Dublin), and Margaret Breay (Barts.), and Assistant Editor THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is taking great interest in promoting the success of the forthcoming Congress, through the British College of Nurses, which proposes to help financially suitable members to attend who can, and will, loyally support the basic principles for which she founded in London the British Nurses' Association in 1887, which it is to be regretted has failed to associate its Royal Chartered status for the unity of the Nursing profession. Those of us who promoted, worked and paid for the organisation of The Royal Chartered Corporation of Trained Nurses in the last century, are of opinion that it is high time it did so. Professional inspiration needs spiritual sustenance.

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