

THE FAREWELL, FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 16.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock again saw the great concourse of Nurses wending their way to Congress Hall, this time for the great Farewell. The spacious ballroom was packed; for the last time Miss Effie Taylor presided over the meeting, and almost 7,000 nurses were present.

After formal votes of thanks from National groups were read, Miss Grace M. Fairley, of Canada (Chairman of the Resolutions Committee) then presented the Resolutions. They were as follows:—

"That the finest young women of all countries be called upon to seriously consider entering the profession of Nursing, in order to provide a greatly needed and honoured service."

"That this Congress promises to assist Nurses' national associations with teaching equipment and materials where needed, as well as to continue providing uniforms, food packages and other aid to Nurses who need it."

"That this Congress pledges active support to the United Nations, World Health Organisation, League of Red Cross Societies and other international bodies working for peace and good will."

"That this Congress pledges support to the Children's Fund proposed by the United Nations for the relief of children all over the world."

"That this Congress urges the development of Nurses' professional associations as the most suitable spokesmen for Nurses in questions of hours, salaries and employment conditions."

"That this Congress declares that the general Nurse shortage is made up of complex factors and calls for the co-operation of all people of good will with the Nursing Profession in seeking its solution."

"That this Congress expresses gratitude to the A.N.A. which provided through its dues for most of the I.C.N. expenses, during the time when it was difficult to transfer I.C.N. funds from permanent headquarters in London, and which also contributed largely to travel and hospitality funds for the official delegates and visitors."

"That this Congress confers honorary membership on two retiring officers, Effie J. Taylor, President for 10 years, and Dame Ellen Musson, England, Hon. Treasurer for 22 years."

"That this Congress thanks the Nurses, students and citizens of Atlantic City and the New Jersey State Nurses' Association for delightful hospitality."

After the confirmation of the above Resolutions, Miss Taylor, the retiring President then gave the Watchword for the next Quadrennial Congress. The Watchword was "FAITH,"

"Faith is the bird that fills the light,
And sings when the dawn is still dark."

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Miss Taylor went on to say that "faith is not a passive thing, mere believing and waiting. It is an active thing. Let us have faith in our purpose and objectives, faith in our colleagues and ourselves, and above all, faith that under God's guidance, the world will be fair and all her folks be free, and that in the not too distant future it may be proven that under heaven is only one family." She then presented Miss Gerda Höjer, of Sweden, as the new President of the I.C.N., and the reciprocal Presidential kiss was given.

Miss Höjer then addressed the Council and said how pleased she was that Sweden had been chosen as the next meeting place of the I.C.N. and said how very welcome all Nurses would be in Stockholm in 1949.

At 12 noon the Farewell was over and the great room rapidly emptied.

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NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 145 nurses to be Queen's Nurses: 105 in England, 5 in Wales, 27 in Scotland, and 8 in Northern Ireland.

At the recent annual meeting of the Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses, held at the West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, it was unanimously agreed by members that the word "assistant" should be omitted from the title State Enrolled Assistant Nurse. They claim that after two years "training" they are "trained" nurses, and as such, should be acknowledged. Cool!

It is to be feared that the lead given by British Columbia in terminating its agreement of reciprocity is bound to be followed by like action in other Colonies where reciprocity exists. We sincerely hope that Registered Nurses will bestir themselves and prevent Assistant Nurses from filching any more of the privileges, status and economic rights of Registered Nurses.

Having had special associations with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in the City of London, we were particularly gratified to learn that the late Mrs. Ellen Matilda Cooper, of Birchington-on-Sea, had bequeathed £10,000 to this institution to found research scholarships.

This bequest may greatly benefit suffering humanity, which is assailed by maladies often baffling to the medical experts.

May we call the attention of our readers to a series of 16 lectures on Diseases of the Nervous System, which will be given weekly by the Physicians of the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.1. The commencing date will be Monday, September 15th, at 6 p.m., when Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, F.R.S., will lecture on "Hemiplegia and Paraplegia." An invitation is extended to all senior nurses. The full syllabus will be published later.

When the late Mr. Peter Dewar died, seven nurses who had cared for him recently learned that they had inherited considerable legacies from his estate. Nurses will wish to offer their congratulations to Sisters G. Griffin, D. Johnson, E. Meade, E. Watt and E. M. M. Wilson, who receive the handsome sum of £5,000 each, and Sisters J. Mennell and B. Morgan, who receive £1,000 each. Moreover, these nurses also share in the residue of the estate.

May we sincerely hope that the names of these lucky nurses are to be found in a State Register of Nurses.

From the Magazine of St. Peter's Church, London Colney, kindly sent us by the Vicar, we think the following message from Nurse Burton will be of great interest to our readers.

We salute the many nurses who sacrifice their lives to minister to the sick and needy so far from home and friends.

"At 6.45 a.m. the prayer bell is rung to summon the nurses to morning prayers. We have no chapel or prayer room, so prayers are held in the nurses' lecture room, which is our spare bedroom. Immediately afterwards the day nurses have breakfast, while the night

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