

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES WELCOMES THE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

By the invitation of the President and Hon. Officers of the International Council of Nurses and the Hon. Officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, a large and representative body of the Nursing Profession assembled at 6, Stanhope Gate, London, W.1, on April 6th, to celebrate the appointment of Miss Daisy Caroline Bridges, R.R.C., S.R.N., S.C.M., as Executive Secretary to the International Council of Nurses.

The guests were received by the President of the International Council of Nurses, Miss Gerda Höjer, Miss Daisy Bridges, R.R.C., and Miss G. E. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

Those present greatly enjoyed the meeting and chatting with colleagues and friends over the delectable tea which was served. After this pleasant interlude, Miss Höjer expressed warm welcome to Miss Bridges as Executive Secretary to the I.C.N., and the appreciation and satisfaction she felt to have the help of one possessed of Miss Bridges' outstanding qualities; she anticipated much would be achieved.

The President was very happy also to introduce their international guests who were able to be with them on this occasion: Miss A. Wolf (Director of Nursing and Dean of Nursing School, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A.); Miss V. Snellman (Director of Nursing Education, Department of Health, Finland); Baroness L. Van Hogendorp (Matron in Chief, Royal Netherlands Army Nursing Service); Miss Marit Berg-Domaas (Matron, Ullevaal Sykehus, Oslo, Norway);



Miss G. Höjer,
President.

Miss D. C. Bridges,
Executive Secretary.

Miss G. E. Davies.
Treasurer.

Miss Yvonne Hentsch (Chief, Nursing Division, League of Red Cross Societies, Switzerland).

Miss Bridges, in thanking the President, with her inimitable touch of humour, pointed out how much her time had been occupied of late, and in connection with many communications received over the phone from the Press—there had been an enquiry as to what she would wear in her new office! She had replied forthwith that she would be wrapped around with 32 flags, those of the 32 countries affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, which it would be her solemn duty

to serve with all her might.

Although a most enjoyable afternoon had been passed, the occasion left many with not unmixed feelings, as those who have followed with admiration Miss Bridges' broadminded policy during her Presidency of the N.C.N. realised that the gain to the International Council of Nurses was the loss to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Nevertheless, we all heartily wish her success and happiness in her new and interesting office.



Representatives from Switzerland, Finland, U.S.A., Norway and The Netherlands with the President and Executive Secretary.

As *The Nursing Mirror* were permitted to send their photographer to this function, we reproduce two of their photographs.

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