

Conclusion.

It must be remembered that, whereas the I.C.N. is a Federation of National Nurses' Associations, the F.N.I.F. is an endowed Trust for postgraduate nursing education.

In coming within the I.C.N., the F.N.I.F. inherits the protection and strength of an organisation which has been prominent in international nursing affairs for the past 50 years. The F.N.I.F. on its part brings with it valuable assets of accomplishment and tradition. This should not provoke a conflict of loyalties; it means, in fact, that two international organisations in the field of nursing and nursing education have united, and such fusion should bring strength and unity of purpose.

In the Report presented by the Executive Secretary of the I.C.N. to the I.C.N. Grand Council meeting in Stockholm, the last two lines were as follows:—"There is no doubt that the I.C.N., which already holds a unique position in its relationship to the profession, is facing a future of almost unlimited possibilities. With the continued encouragement and support of all our members, I am confident that we shall be able to meet all demands and to accept each new and challenging responsibility." The reorganisation of the F.N.I.F. within the I.C.N. provides exactly such a challenge and such a responsibility; and these have been accepted by the I.C.N. on the assumption that both organisations will be willing to merge their interests and their loyalties for the ultimate good of the profession and all whom it serves.

Homes of Rest for Nurses.

"Stoneydeep."

I HAVE sojourned at "Stoneydeep," Teddington, one of the homes of rest under the control of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses.

"Stoneydeep" is a most delightful house situated close to Hampton Court, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Twickenham and Kingston, with easy access to town and other districts by bus and train, and is truly called a "home of rest."

It is a splendid house, with delightful gardens, and the River Thames flowing by, near Teddington Lock. The gardens present a most pleasant sight—lawns and flowers in abundance, with a picturesque summerhouse, and produce from the vegetable and fruit garden. The river is an entertainment in itself, especially at week-ends with the many types of craft passing to and fro and the patient folk who spend many hours fishing.

There is every comfort in the house—a lounge, a peaceful library, and a marvellous dining-room with panelled ceiling, where most excellent fare is served, a spacious entrance hall and a sun lounge. Flowers are well in evidence indoors as



A charming view of "Stoneydeep."

well as out of doors. The bedrooms are most pleasant, with their very comfortable beds; the rules are few, only those enforced to make the house run on oiled wheels. A sense of complete freedom predominates, due largely to the personality of the staff, especially the superintendent, Miss G. Lawes, to whom nothing is too small or too much for her personal attention. A happy atmosphere pervades the whole house, and it is with regret I shall shortly be leaving this pleasant spot to return to the common task and daily round, but I shall look forward to a further visit.

Full particulars of this home and the other ones at Windermere and Haslemere are obtainable from the Secretary, Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses, 21, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, where every help is given to would-be visitors, down to the minutest detail of transport; and last but not least the charges are very moderate.

I shall often look back on my pleasant stay here—feeling somewhat tired on arrival, and leaving refreshed and able to combat the business of everyday life.

L.C.

Lea Hurst.

I HAVE recently returned from four weeks' very happy holiday spent at Lea Hurst Holiday Home for Nurses, Holloway, Derbyshire, a beautiful, old, grey-stone manor-house, home of Florence Nightingale. It is a



Peace and rest to be found at "Lea Hurst."

spacious and gracious old house, having many fine and beautifully furnished rooms, well-kept terraced lawns, flower and kitchen gardens—in all some 200 acres of park land with extensive views of the surrounding beautiful country. There is great comfort and freedom, plenty of good books and a very friendly dog, Peter.

Florence Nightingale's own silver candlestick stands on a lovely inlaid chest of drawers on the second landing, leading to the rooms she once occupied.

The date over the hall door is 1825, but much of the building is older.

On arrival I received a kindly welcome from Miss Baker, the hostess, and a tea tray was sent up to my room.

I enjoyed many outings to famous beauty spots—Hadden Hall, Chatsworth House, the Derwentwater Dams, and many of the beautiful dales, etc. At Hadden Hall I was fortunate in being allowed over Dorothy's Bridge, which is so narrow that one can only pass over single file.

On another day a party from Lea Hurst was shown over Paton and Baldwin's woollen mills. It was most interesting to watch the work being done by wonderful machinery. All the workers looked very happy; they have a beautiful modern canteen with everything looking so spotless.

Lea Hurst is five miles from Matlock; there is a good coach service to the different places of interest. It is a lovely and interesting holiday centre.

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