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GREETINGS TO ALL FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION
AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR 1946.

We embark upon a New Year with great confidence. The headquarters of the Foundation is re-established, the first fully representative meeting of the Committee of Management has been held. An educational policy for the interim period has been adopted, the Committees are meeting regularly and the work is expanding rapidly. A meeting of the Grand Council will be held in September 1946, when new officers will be elected, and a new Committee of Management appointed, and the policy of the Foundation will be adapted to meet the changed conditions. The Foundation is now on the threshold of a period of reconstruction. We await the return of the Secretary Miss Olive Baggallay in July.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Schwarzenberg, the General Secretary, has recently visited the headquarters, while in London to make preliminary preparations for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, which will be held in the Autumn prior to the meeting of the Grand Council of the Foundation. The International Council of Nurses has five representatives on the Grand Council of the Foundation, and three on the Committee of Management.

LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

The first meeting of the Nursing Advisory Committee of the League since 1938 will be held early in February in Geneva, when questions concerning the Foundation will be discussed. The League also appoints five representatives on the Grand Council of the Foundation, and three on the Committee of Management. Both the International Council of Nurses and the League, therefore, through their representation on the Grand Council have an important influence on the future of the Foundation.

NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF NEW ZEALAND.

The first grant of £100 from New Zealand has been received, and this grant was donated to the New Zealand Committee by the New Zealand Red Cross Society.

"OLD INTERNATIONAL" ASSOCIATION (F.N.I.F.)

This Association of former students which has one representative on the Committee of Management of the Foundation has not been able to call a fully representative meeting during the past six years, but all available members in Great Britain have met from time to time throughout the war, and Mrs. Killby, Hon. Treasurer and Acting Hon. Secretary has kept in close touch with members of the Association when possible.

A meeting was held on December 7th to welcome Miss Schwarzenberg, General Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, at which she took the Chair as President of the Association. A very warm welcome was given to Miss Kolea and Mrs. Nicolau (née Karava) who were both in London for study visits on the invitation of U.N.R.R.A. A reception was held after the meeting at which Miss Haines and Miss Bucknell U.N.R.R.A., and members of the Committee of Management were present.

TRIBUTE TO MISS OLIVE BAGGALLAY AND HER COLLEAGUES IN GREECE.

After a recent visit to Greece with Miss Johnston, Chief Nurse of U.N.R.R.A., Miss Udell, Chief Nurse of the European Regional Office of U.N.R.R.A., has written giving news of Miss Baggallay's work in Greece which will be of great interest to those who know her well as Secretary of the Foundation.

Miss Baggallay has about fifty U.N.R.R.A. Nurses working under her guidance of whom the greatest proportion come from the United States with others from Canada and Great Britain. The work concerns the rehabilitation of Greek nursing, planned in co-operation with a National Advisory Committee consisting of leaders of the profession in that country, and includes the organisation of the profession at all levels. A Greek Nurse has been established in the Ministry of Health in Athens; an educational Sub-Committee has been set up to plan an accelerated curriculum for training in the three Athens training schools, and general advice is being given on training to assist in obtaining a number of nurses to meet the needs of the community. Throughout the U.N.R.R.A. public health nurses are advising and assisting in the provision of a generalised public health programme, in rural as well as urban districts.

Miss Udell cannot speak too highly of the whole staff of the Nursing Section of the U.N.R.R.A. Mission under the leadership of Miss Baggallay. Not least she was impressed by the truly wonderful International relationships which they have established among themselves with their Greek colleagues.

CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Mrs. Carter recently returned from a visit to Czechoslovakia as the guest of the Czechoslovakian Red Cross. During the two weeks, she spent in Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia, she visited Schools of Nursing, hospitals and other institutions. She has met all old Czechoslovakian Internationals and other leading nurses of the country all of whom are engaged in plans for reconstruction. All were delighted to have news of their colleagues in other countries and are looking forward to the meetings and conferences which will bring them again in touch with their friends abroad.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS.

American Journal of Nursing.
Nursing Mirror.
British Journal of Nursing.
The Nightingale Fellowship Journal.
I.C.N. Bulletin.
Information Bulletin for Red Cross Nurses (L.O.R.C.S.)
Georgia Nursing.

VISITORS TO HEADQUARTERS.

Miss Schwarzenberg (I.C.N.); Miss Kolea, Mrs. Nicolau (née Karava) and Miss Tsoukala (Greece); Miss van Bemmelen and Dr. Gelderman (Netherlands); Miss Haines and Miss Doherty (Australia) U.N.R.R.A.; Miss Kaackenbeck (Belgian Red Cross).