

Failing Mrs. Robb—and we are all *very* disappointed not to welcome her at this splendid International Congress—we are very pleased to secure Miss Lucy Walker, knowing what a deep interest she takes in nursing organization, and how wonderfully successful has been the progress of the union of the graduates of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The Matrons' Council Meeting.

THE DINNER.

Eighty members and their guests are to be present at the Matrons' Council Dinner at the Criterion Restaurant, on Friday, the 30th inst.

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will preside, and will receive the guests in the Princes' Rooms from 7.30 to 8 p.m.

To the right of the Chairman will be seated Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Vice President of the International Council, and the Hon. Members on either side. Amongst the foreign nurses who have accepted invitations to be present are: Mrs. Neill, New Zealand; Miss Lavinia Dock, Mrs. Quintard, Miss Lucy Walker, Miss Sophia Palmer, Miss Hintz, Mrs. Southwick Brinton, Mrs. Sarah Clemens, Miss Sampson, of the United States; Miss Elizabeth Scovil, and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, of Canada; Mrs. Norrie, and Miss Lutken, Denmark; Miss Mock, Holland; Miss M. H. Watkins, Cape Colony; Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, New York; Dr. Mary Scharlieb, Dr. Dickenson Berry, Miss Margaret Lonsdale, Miss Teresa Wilson, Mrs. Montefiore, Mrs. Fisher Unwin, Mrs. Fenwick Miller, Mrs. G. W. Stevens, and Mrs. Myers, are also amongst those who will dine with the Council.

The members of the Council will muster in force, and amongst them Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Cassandra Beachcroft, Miss Huxley, Miss Mollett, Miss G. Knight, Miss H. Poole, Miss Ross, Miss Butler, Miss Pell-Smith, Miss Wilkie, Miss Shipley, Miss Beatrice Jones, Miss Kingsford, Miss Burleigh, Miss Lee, Miss Parry, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Winfield, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Margaret Breay, and many others warmly interested in the welfare of nursing and the unity of their profession.

The Toasts will be proposed in the following order:—

"The Queen."—The Chairman.

"The International Council of Women," coupled with the name of Mrs. May Wright Sewall.—Miss Isla Stewart.

Reply.—Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

"The Matrons' Council," coupled with the

names of the Chairman and the Honorary Members.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Reply.—Miss Isla Stewart, who will present the Badges to those Hon. Members who are present, and Mrs. Neill (New Zealand).

"The Nursing Profession."—Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson.

Reply.—Mrs. Quintard.

"The Guests."—Miss Mollett.

Reply.—Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, realizing the importance of the International Congress of Women and the benefit to all nurses, of exchange of experiences with and between the nurses of various nations, have arranged the following programme:—

July 1st, 10.30 a.m.

The Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council will be held at 20, Hanover Square, W.

Miss Isla Stewart, Chairman of the Matrons' Council, will preside.

PROGRAMME.

Short address of welcome by the Chairman of the Council, followed by ten minutes' Papers with discussion on—

1. "The Balance of Power in Hospital Administration." Miss Mollett, Matron, Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton.
2. "The Value of Discipline in Training." Miss Isla Stewart, Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
3. "The Work of Women on Hospital Boards." Miss Lucy Walker, Matron, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

"THE INTERNATIONAL IDEA."

Introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, supported by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Vice-President International Council of Women.

It is a matter of much pleasure to the Council that one of the questions for discussion will be introduced by one of their Foreign members. The members in other countries have proved themselves most warm and cordial supporters of the Society, and their co-operation is much valued by their colleagues in this country. The presence of some of our Hon. Members, and of distinguished Foreign nurses, will make this Second Annual Conference especially memorable.

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