

First among the impulses toward a more real and satisfying existence is the wish for acquaintance, the desire to establish friendly relations, the reaching after personal contact: that we may know our fellow-workers in other lands, exchange our thoughts with theirs, and feel the magic of association in common interests,—this is the spoken and unspoken urgency of to-day.

We nurses feel this universal motive. Scattered over the earth, doing the one work wherever we are, we feel the need of knowing one another; we need one another's help, counsel, encouragement; we need to compare our methods, our aims, our results; we need organization, for our own strengthening, and for the perfecting of our ideals.

Next September, in Buffalo, one of the Lake Cities of New York State, the people of Pan-America will meet in friendly gathering to commemorate the New Time.

We American Nurses, who also look forward to assembling within the hospitable walls of the Exposition City during the Pan-American celebrations, desire to make this occasion one for inviting a Congress of nurses to gather here from all parts of the world. The Buffalo Nurses' Association offers a warm welcome and hospitality to all; the two oldest of our nurses' associations, the American Society of Superintendents and the National Alumnae, have already planned to hold their annual conferences there; the International Council of Nurses, lately formed, in which the United States and Canada have representation, will hold its second business meeting at the same time; and, we hope, our Order of War-Nurses may gather there also.

It will be a rallying time such as does not often come in our busy lives, and we therefore call upon you, our sister nurses of all lands, to meet us and let us meet you, in a Congress where we may lay the foundations of new international affiliations to our mutual enrichment and to the upbuilding and advancement of our chosen work.

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