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## Editorial.

THE DUTIES OF A DELEGATE.

HAT will be my duties if sent as a delegate to the Nurses' Congress at Buffalo? This question has been addressed to us by several nurses. In reply we would first state that a delegate is a person appointed and sent by others with powers to act in their stead; a person in fact entrusted either with or without explicit instructions to act, vote or speak on behalf of the society or persons he represents on questions which will be brought before a conference or congress summoned to deal with definite questions or propositions.

At Buffalo, the congress is to be summoned to discuss and deal with Nursing Questions under a most complete programme:—

- I. Hospital administration in all its branches so far as it relates to nurses and the nursing of the sick.
- 2. The Education of nurses. Preparatory, training schools and post graduate; and the supplementary course for the further instruction of the Principals of nursing educational establishments.

- 3. District nursing.
- 4. Army and Navy nursing, and Red Cross work.
- 5. The relation of the modern nurse to modern medicine.
  - 6. Private nursing.
  - 7. Hourly nursing.
  - 8. Nurse's Settlement work.
  - 9. Ethics.
  - 10. Legal Registration.

It will be realised therefore how necessary it is, if the nurses of the United Kingdom are to be adequately represented at this Parliament of nurses, that experts in all these branches of nursing should take part in the discussions. We want experienced superintendents of training schools to deal with hospital administration and education, practical district nurses, sisters who have had experience in Army and Navy nursing—at the front for choice. Those who have studied the difficult question of the evolution of the trained nurse, and nursing politics, those versed in the management and duties of private nurses, and the opinion of all on the questions of Ethics and Legal Registration.

All these questions will be brought before the Congress in papers presented by those with previous page next page