

American Nurses will be well represented at the International Council of Nurses' First Quinquennial Meeting in Berlin next summer. A correspondent writes us from Chicago:—"We have just returned from the Annual Convention of Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses, and we are much interested in the possibility of going to Berlin in 1904. We intend to begin to make plans at once with this end in view, and already twenty Chicago nurses have signified their desire to join the party from the United States. I am writing now to ask if you will, at your leisure, write me something of the Congress."

The annual meeting of the Society of Superintendents of Training Schools takes place in Pittsburgh in October, at which papers on the following subjects will be read and discussed:—

1. "Can the Study of Current Events be made a Means of Recreation for Pupils?"
2. "The Power and Responsibility of this Society in Public Action."
3. "New Methods and New Appliances; with Demonstrations."
4. "Hospital Floors."
5. "The Teaching of Hygiene in Training Schools."

Miss L. L. Dock has resigned the position of Hon. Secretary to the Society, a post she has held for several years with such enormous benefit to the Society and to the American nursing world at large, with the intention of spending a year in Europe. Miss Adelaide Nutting, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been appointed to the vacancy and will make a worthy successor to Miss Dock.

It has been suggested that the Society shall hold its 1904 meeting in Berlin. We hope this suggestion may find favour with the majority; nothing is too wonderful for American enterprise.

Progress of State Registration.

The third annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia, U.S.A., was an enthusiastic gathering. The special order of the day was the presentation by Miss Randolph of the new Law destined to elevate the standard of nursing—the Act for the State Registration of Nurses; and at the same time she presented the President with the pen used by the Governor in signing the Bill.

Miss Mary Rose Batterham, a graduate of the Brooklyn City Hospital, claims the honour of being the first nurse to be awarded the title of "R. N." (Registered Nurse) under the law of the State of North Carolina. We quite appreciate her satisfaction.

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The Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, recently visited St. John's Gate for the purpose of opening the new hall and ambulance rooms, rendered necessary by the development of the branches of the Order's work of late years. At the conclusion of the Chapter the Prince presented medals and other awards voted by the Chapter during the past year for deeds of gallantry in saving life on land at imminent personal risk, and also presented service medals granted in recognition of long and conspicuous assistance rendered to the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The rewards—medals and certificates of honour for saving life at imminent personal risk—were given amongst others to Nurse Edith Lindsay, of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. It is interesting to note that this is the highest honour conferred by this Order, and it is the first time it has ever been received by a woman.

Nurse Edith Lindsay received a silver medal for great bravery and courage displayed at Bromsgrove (Midland Railway) on June 3rd last. A Miss Deykin, while in the charge of Nurse Lindsay, and while walking near the railway, made a sudden rush for an approaching train, in front of which she threw herself. Nurse Lindsay quickly followed her, but was just too late to prevent Miss Deykin from being killed, and she herself was knocked down by the engine, narrowly escaping with her life, and receiving severe injuries which necessitated her removal to hospital on a wheeled litter. At the subsequent inquest on Miss Deykin the coroner's jury warmly commended the highly courageous and determined manner in which the nurse endeavoured to preserve the life of her patient.

One by one the hospitals are providing necessary accommodation for their nursing staff; the new Clarence Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington—which will add eighty beds to the hospital—will also house the nurses. At present, half of them sleep out of the hospital. Guy's possesses the finest Nurses' Home in London given by a private donor; and just now all nurses may well envy that cool, invigorating, swimming bath, which is, we believe, a unique luxury. St. Thomas's and the

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