

Quakerish mode, and presents a delightful picture of dignified serenity which inspires ready confidence, and warm affectionate regard.

Miss Clifford has been a worker in the Women's Union from its inception. Year after year she has been re-elected a Vice-President and a member of the Executive Committee. Of her good works there is no end. Principal amongst them must be noted that of Poor Law Guardian at Bristol, to which office she was elected as far back as 1882, and where she speedily became known as "The Guardian Angel."

We heartily congratulate the National Council of Women on its wise choice of so able and lovable a President.

The International Council of Women.

The annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, which is the governing body of the National Union of Women Workers, and is affiliated to the International Council of Women, was held in the Princess Hall of the Ladies' College, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Three sessions were all too short in which to deal with the mass of business placed on the agenda, and in our limited space we can but refer to matters of the widest importance.

Valuable and interesting reports of the year's work were read from the eight sectional committees, covering a wide range of very useful work. But we own that the report of primary interest to us was that concerning the International Council of Women. From it we learnt that at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee, held at Dresden on August 17th to 20th, most of the hon. officers and representatives of eleven countries were present.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE QUINQUENNIAL MEETING AT BERLIN.

Frau Stritt stated that the Philharmonic, Berlin, would be engaged for the meetings of the International Congress, which would be preceded by meetings of the International Council. The President, Mrs. Wright-Sewall, thought it important to devote five days to the specific work of the International Council. In addition to routine work she thought that there should also be four large public meetings to exploit the International idea. It was imperative to make it quite clear that the first public meeting was a meeting of the International Council. She suggested:—

1. A meeting on Internationalism—for propaganda and demonstration, which will include an address of welcome from Frau Marie Stritt on behalf of the German National Council. The Presidential address will be given in English, and printed in English, French, and German.
2. A Conference on Internationalism, with Reports from National Councils.
3. A meeting on Peace and Arbitration, with addresses in German, French, and English.

This was finally agreed to.

THE CONGRESS MEETINGS.

Frau Stritt then gave a slight sketch of the suggested programme of the Congress meetings. These would be held under four sections:—

1. Women's Education and Higher Culture. Under the general charge of Fraulein Lange and Fraulein Baumer.
2. Social Aims and Institutions. (Frau Edinger.) Temperance, Equal Moral Standard, &c.
3. Women's Professions and Industries. (Fraulein Alice Saloman.) Nursing will be considered in this section.
4. The Legal Position of Women. (Freiin von Beschwitz).

The Executive Committee will meet on June 8th, the Council on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, the Congress meetings from the 13th to the 18th of the month.

The rights and duties of women as they concern the women's movement will be considered at these meetings. The sections will probably meet for six days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the afternoons there will be large public meetings and also social gatherings. The subjects of the public meetings will be:—

1. Education.
2. The Suffrage for Women.
3. Equal Pay for Equal Work.
4. Women in Science and Art.

The Press arrangements are in the hands of the German Council. Frau Ichenhauser, Berlin, N. W. Altonastrasse 36, must be communicated with in the first instance. She has to communicate with the German President before taking action.

The British National Council is asked to name a person to serve on the Committee of Arrangements; which will meet in Berlin immediately before the meetings of the Council.

The expenses of the meetings of the International Council will devolve upon the international funds.

The Council Insignia has been referred back to the National Councils, which are asked to submit designs for consideration at Berlin. A recognition badge of ribbon, bearing the initials I.C.W., will be worn at the meetings of the Council in 1904.

Frau Hedwig Heyl asks for a collection of the portraits of leading pioneer women, and absent members of the International Congress.

THE MEETING IN 1909.

An invitation has been placed on the agenda of the International Council as follows:—

"That the International Council of Women be invited by the National Council of Women of Canada to hold its quinquennial meeting of 1909 in Canada."

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING.

These meetings will take place in Berlin from June 9th to 11th next, and the preliminary agenda is a lengthy one, on which many amendments to the constitution are down for discussion.

Trained nurses who have already demonstrated their keen appreciation of international co-operation will study the following resolutions with interest:—

SOCIETIES INTERNATIONALLY ORGANISED.

"That the Executive recommend that a motion be placed on the agenda for the quinquennial meeting of the International Council as follows:—'That societies of women internationally organised may become members of the International Council of Women on conditions which shall be submitted to the National Councils for decision by the President, the chief principles underlying such conditions to be (a) that such International Society have branches in not fewer than three different countries; (b) that such International Society submit

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