

The Paris Conference.

We wish to make it quite plain that the British and American Councillors of the International desire it known that every trained nurse, whether she be affiliated to it through a National Council or not, will be heartily welcomed at the Conference, just as at Buffalo every nurse who chose to take a ticket was permitted to attend the Sessions. It is the desire of the organisers, and the policy of the International Council, to encourage by every means in their power co-operation and kindly feeling between the nurses of all nations. Distinctive badges will be worn by members of affiliated societies, and seats will be reserved for them in the Hall, but we feel sure it will be the aim of all members of the International to prove to those who are not, that the sooner they form Leagues, and become members the happier for all concerned.

As the Literature table arranged by Miss Mollett proved so attractive at the Nursing Exhibition in London last November, the same publicity will be given to the Nursing Journals of the societies affiliated to the International Council at Paris. Badges and Brassards will also be on view. Miss Breay will be responsible for those from the United Kingdom, if they are sent to her at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, before 1st of June next.

The most influential factor in the International movement has been the uprising, and inspiring influence, of the professional nursing press—which has flourished in the last decade with extraordinary vitality—all the more because of the ruthless and unscrupulous attitude of its purely commercial competitors, and one of the most interesting features of the gathering in Paris will be the great number of nurse journalists who will be present. Of the International Organs the Editor, sub-editor, and every official collaborator—with the exception of two—of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will attend. Also six at least, of the collaborators of the *American Journal of Nursing*, and the Editor and several of the staff of *Unterm Lazaruskreuz*. The *Canadian Nurses' Journal* will have a representative; Miss Genevieve Cooke, the Editor of the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*; and Miss Fulmer, Editor of the *Visiting Nurses' Magazine*, will be present, from the United States; also a representative of *Nosokomos*, from Holland; several of the staffs of the two French nursing journals; and from England, the Editor of the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*. As there will be members of every Nurses' League which has a journal at the Conference, it will, without doubt, be efficiently and truth-

fully reported. The Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will entertain to a *petit souper* her French *confrères*, and the Editors, and official collaborators on the staffs of the three International Organs, who are members of the Conference. This should prove a very brilliant and unique occasion, and one at which the friendship of the international nursing press will doubtless be cemented.

We are much pleased to know that the Danish nurses are to be represented at the Conference. They are such delightful people. Amongst others, it is probable that Miss C. Lütken, the Superintendent Sister, of the Royal Garrison Hospital at Copenhagen, will be with us. Miss Lütken was in London in 1899, when the International Council was founded, since which time a very successful Council of Danish Nurses has been organised, with pleasant headquarters in Copenhagen, which we had the pleasure of visiting last summer. *Tidsskrift for Sygeplege* is the name of its official organ.

State Registration.

Mr. Munro Ferguson, who is in charge of the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses, has put it down for second reading on April 9th, when it stands seventh on the order paper. We fear with the systematic obstruction which has played so discreditable a part in connection with legislation for women during the present week, that there is but faint hope that our Bill, which provides for legislation "of national importance," according to the Lord President of the Privy Council, will be discussed this Session. Some day, however, we are quite certain to see State Registration of Nurses in force.

The Green-Eyed Monster.

We learn that Sir Henry Burdett has issued in pamphlet form his absurd philippic against the organisers of National and International Co-operation amongst Trained Nurses. As we are accorded a very prominent part in this successful movement, we would at once repudiate the insinuation that we have paid for this advertisement.

Because the organisers of the International and National Councils decline to refute Sir Henry Burdett's ridiculous statements, he informs his deluded readers that of course they must be true. For ourselves, we wish it known that we informed this puerile pamphleteer some years ago that we declined to have any communication with him whatever, excepting through our solicitor. We recommend this safe course to other women he attempts to intimidate through his unprofessional paper.

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