

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES AT COLOGNE.

Only three weeks, and the nurses from all parts of the world will have assembled at Cologne to attend the meetings of the International Council of Nurses, and to take part in the Congress organised by the German Nurses' Association, whose President, Sister Agnes Karll, has, by her loyal and untiring work, accomplished splendid results for the status of nurses in Germany and, incidentally, for the nurses of the world. Sister Agnes Karll has been one of the great bridge builders in the international nursing movement, and as such will be honoured by the nurses of all nations when they meet as her guests at Cologne. Those of us who since 1899 have taken part in the consolidation of the nursing profession, alone realise what superhuman devotion has been expended by the present President of the International Council of Nurses.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

The Triennial General Assembly of the International Council of Nurses, over which Sister Karll will preside, will open on Monday, August 5th, at 9.30 a.m., in the historic Gürzenich, to the sound of the magnificent organ. The Address of Welcome will be spoken by the President, to be followed by the Watchword on Aspiration by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. The Minutes will be read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss L. L. Dock, and the Financial Report will be presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Breay. The Reports from the Federated Councils will then be received, after which loyalty and gratitude to the President will find expression in recognition of her services to the nursing profession at large.

The Affiliation of National Associations will follow—(1) The Trained Nurses' Association of India, (2) the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association—when the British National Anthem will be played. The President will speak in honour of the dead—Isla Stewart, Isabel Hampton Robb, Jeanie Kildare Treacy, Louis Lande—when exquisite solemn music will be heard.

The election of Hon. Officers will follow, and Resolutions in support of the Enfranchisement of Women, and the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be submitted.

At 12.30 o'clock there will be an interval for luncheon, and at 2 p.m. the Council will re-assemble to consider the Report of the Inter-

national Committee on Nursing Education—(a) on the Preliminary Training of Nurses, to be presented by Miss J. C. van Lanschot Hubrecht, of Holland, in which Miss Nutting, R.N., and other experts will take part; (b) the Result of State Registration in those countries in which it has been introduced. On both of these important questions there will be a discussion. At 5 p.m. the members of the Congress will attend the Festival given in their honour by the Municipality of Cologne in the Floral Town Gardens.

DELEGATES AND GUESTS.

From Great Britain more than a hundred matrons and nurses will attend. Our foundation members are: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. President I.C.N.; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer I.C.N.; Miss Mollett, Councillor I.C.N. And Miss Cutler, Miss Forrest, Miss Rogers, and Miss Kelly are the four official delegates of the National Council of Nurses. These delegates from Great Britain and Ireland have votes in the International Council meetings.

REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS.

Many of the societies which compose the National Council of Nurses have specially nominated fraternal delegates, and have in several instances paid their expenses.

Mrs. Fenwick will represent the Society for State Registration of Nurses; Miss Mollett, the Matrons' Council; Miss M. E. Hunter, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses; Miss Macfarlane, General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League; Miss H. L. Pearse, the School Nurses' League; Miss M. Burr, St. John's Home Nurses' League; Miss Carson Rae, the Irish Nurses' Association; and as we have already announced, many analogous societies have accepted the invitation to appoint representatives. Vouchers for all names sent in to Miss Cutler will be sent to Berlin this week to facilitate arrangements for invitations, badges, &c. Miss M. Burr, Miss B. Kent, Miss Macvitie, Miss C. Lee, and Miss Cutler will arrive in Cologne in time to help with the Nursing Exhibition.

Sister Agnes Karll writes that the German municipalities "have come nobly to the front." Dortmund, Rheydt, Leitz, and Brandenburg, and both the large Berlin Hospitals: Moabit and Rudolph Virchow, are sending their matrons and a head nurse to the Congress, paying their expenses very liberally. And all the French railways are issuing tickets at half-price.

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