

International Congress of Women to be held in London in June next. The success of this Congress will depend largely upon the efforts of individual women, and we feel sure that they will realize their privilege and responsibility, and by giving their presence at the various meetings—as well as by generous gifts of money and of personal service—will further the interests of women all over the world. We think the Congress will prove of especial benefit to nurses, for the tendency of nursing is certainly to narrow the sympathies of those who follow it as a profession. The work itself is so absorbing, and the interests connected with it are so great, that nurses are sometimes apt to forget that the horizon is not bounded by the four walls in which they live. But a nurse who views life from a wider standpoint is certainly a greater influence for good both in her profession, and with her patients, and therefore the very natural fear that an interest in things outside her work will prevent her giving the best she has to give to her chosen profession, may be laid aside. It is only by studying current events, the work done by women in other professions, and the needs of her own, that a nurse can evolve ideas of value with regard to the organization of her own profession, and equally, it is only by widespread acquaintance with men and matters that she will acquire the knowledge which she will find it is essential to possess if she is to keep in sympathetic touch with the widely different natures which will come under her care. To acquire this knowledge, not only study is necessary, but personal contact with others of liberal education, and there has never been in this country so great an opportunity of meeting women of all nationalities, and of every shade of thought, as will be afforded by the coming Congress.

With regard to the Nursing Section, in which our readers will be specially interested, we are sure that they will feel with ourselves the great advantage of hearing from the lips of their colleagues of other nations, details of the condition of nursing in the countries which they represent, and of discussing with them the special difficulties which all nurses have in common. The foreign representatives will, we know, receive a very warm welcome, and we hope that the readers of the NURSING RECORD will, one and all, work to make the Nursing Section of the International Congress a great success.

## New Year's Honours for Nurses.

WE read with the greatest satisfaction that in the award of the New Year's Honours the services of medical men and nurses who have worked in India amongst the plague patients have been recognized. The services, more especially of those who first went on this errand of mercy, are well worthy of reward. The Queen has been pleased to approve the following appointments in the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in recognition of the distinguished services rendered by the persons named during the plague epidemic in India.



MISS LILIAN ROBINSON.

To be enrolled Honorary Associates of the Order:—

Captain J. L. T. JONES, I.M.S.  
 Captain W. E. JENNINGS, I.M.S.  
 Captain A. F. W. KING, I.M.S.  
 Lieutenant W. J. NIBLOCK, I.M.S.

To be selected as Honorary Serving Sisters of the Order:—

Miss LILIAN M. ROBINSON, Bombay.  
 Miss MAUD B. KENDALL, Bombay.  
 Miss JANE E. WHEATLEY, Poona.  
 Miss EMMA A. MOLES, Poona.  
 Miss J. E. BLAIR HITCHMAN, Sholapur.  
 Miss MARION HALE, Cutch.

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