

**Nursing Echoes.**

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THE new badge selected by the Matrons' Council is unanimously acknowledged to be charming. It consists of a small silver gilt star, in the centre of which is blue enamel, on which the initials M. C. are inscribed, surrounded by the motto of the Society—*Cogito ergo sum*—this little star is suspended

from a very pretty watered ribbon in red, white and blue, specially woven for the Matrons' Council. By wearing their badge members will find it a very convenient way of knowing their colleagues at the forthcoming Congress, and as they are very unobtrusive, they can be worn on all occasions without ostentation.

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THE programme for the Nursing Session at the Congress is now complete, and we feel sure our readers will learn with pleasure that the Discussion on Paper 1, "The Professional Training and Status of Nurses" will be opened by Miss Lavinia Dock, of the United States.

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THE opening Discussion on Paper 2, "Naval and Military Nursing," has been undertaken by Captain Norton, M.P. for West Newington, who has earned the gratitude of all soldiers in the army, by his persistent advocacy, in the House of Commons, of their right to efficient nursing when sick, and care during convalescence, in the present Parliamentary Session.

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THE Discussion on "The Organization of Trained Nurses' Alumnæ Associations," will be opened by Miss Sniveley, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, Canada.

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AND Mrs. Norrie, who is a trained nurse and one of the three selected Delegates of the National Council of Denmark, will speak on Paper 4, which comes under the head of "Nursing Organizations," and during which discussion we shall hope to hear of the position of nursing matters in many countries.

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THAT one day is all too short a time in which to do justice to the Nursing Question is quite apparent; but much useful exchange of

experience will necessarily take place, unofficially, at the delightful social gatherings at which we all hope to meet during the Congress Week.

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So many "hospitalities" are being arranged whereby to welcome the members of Congress from other lands, that we learn with pleasure that Miss Peter, of the Queen's Jubilee Institute, has extended an invitation to the nursing delegates to take tea one afternoon at St. Katherine's Hospital, Regents Park, and several Matrons of London hospitals are anxious to entertain the foreign nurses, if only time can be found for more social gatherings. This is as it should be, and will, no doubt, add greatly to the pleasure of our eminent guests in visiting London.

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OUR readers know how difficult it is to obtain money for the organization of women's work, apart from a philanthropic basis, so we feel sure they will rejoice with the Hon. Treasurer of the Congress Fund that the sum of £1,000, which it was estimated would be required for carrying out the arrangements for this great international gathering, is rapidly coming to hand; indeed, the money available for our work is now well over £900, and we have no doubt the round sum of £1,000 will be touched 'ere the opening day. It is a subject for congratulation that, with the exception of a few pounds, the whole sum has been subscribed by women.

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BUT the more the merrier, and the Hospitality Committee can utilise gifts with happy results, and add much to the comfort and enjoyment of foreign guests, if they have ample funds with which to oil the wheels. We want to give our guests a real warm British welcome.

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THE Countess of Aberdeen will preside at the first annual meeting of the London School Nurses' Society. This young society sends trained nurses to the elementary schools, and there they can, in a brief time, attend to hundreds of small ills, and prevent them from becoming large ones. The meeting is to be held at the School Board Offices on June 19th, at 5 p.m.

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MISS BURNS, the daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Burns, for many years Chairman of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, has been presented, by the nurses of the Fund, with a framed address, on the occasion of her marriage, which is shortly to take place, with Mr. L. V. Harcourt. The address offers to Miss Burns the best wishes of the nurses on her marriage, and records the indebtedness of the Fund to the services of members of her family. The presentation was made by a deputation of nurses, and

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