

The American Nursing World.**THE CONGRESS OF NURSES.**

The Mayor of Buffalo will give an address of welcome to open the Congress proceedings, and the Director of the Pan-American Exposition has fixed Saturday, September 21st, as "Trained Nurses' Day" at the Exposition. The Committee is much gratified by this official recognition.

The directors of the Woman's Union are arranging to give a reception for guests on the afternoon of September 18th. Their courtesy in the affairs of the convention has been great, and we shall all be glad of an opportunity to meet them personally.

Assistant Surgeon-General W. H. Forwood, Acting Surgeon-General of the United States Army, has informed the International Nurses' Congress Committee that orders will be requested directing the assignment of a delegate of the Army Nurse Corps as a delegate to the Congress of Nurses. We learn that American nurses are greatly pleased at this action of the Surgeon-General, and feel more than rewarded for their labours in time of war and sickness in the army, by this recognition of their services, following upon the distinction conferred upon their order in the appointment of a trained nurse to the head of the Army Nursing Service Department at Washington.

DATES OF MEETINGS.

The arrangements for the International Nurses' Congress are all falling into line nicely.

The Associated Alumnae will hold its first business meeting in the morning, Monday, September 16th, the Superintendents' Society will have a business meeting in the middle of the same day, and the International Council of Nurses will also have its first business meeting in the afternoon of the same date, all in the Woman's Union.

These first meetings are thus arranged to economize time, and leave Tuesday open for second meetings as found necessary. The International Council of Nurses will require a second meeting, and the Superintendents also, their constitution making it necessary.

The dates of the Congress proper are: Wednesday, 18th, Thursday, 19th, and Friday, 20th, the sessions beginning at 9.30 a.m.

American nurses and general visitors will be charged an admission of fifty cents, good for the three days.

In answer to many inquiries, we would state that the rate of lodgings in private families during the Exposition is the uniform price of one dollar per night. This does not, however, secure separate rooms. Good meals may be had for from twenty-five to fifty cents each.

The head-quarters for nurses during the Congress will be at the Woman's Hospital, corner

of Georgia and Seventh Streets, where all will register.

All inquiries for accommodations are to be addressed to the "International Congress of Nurses, Committee on Accommodation, 55, West Mohawk Street, Buffalo."

ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION DELEGATES.

The Alumnae Associations in the States are showing great interest in the Congress, and many have already selected their delegates. Miss Anna Rutherford, who is in charge of the Course in Hospital Economics at Columbia University, and who has recently been appointed to the position of general secretary of the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society, Baltimore, will represent the Johns Hopkins Training School Alumnae, together with Miss Sharp, Miss Carr, and Miss Barwick.

The New York City Training School have elected Miss E. V. Burr, Miss T. B. Yocum and Miss N. K. Mobbs. The Orange Training School sends Miss Bertha Gardner; the Lebanon Hospital Training School, Miss Cochrane; and the Cleveland Association, Miss Smythe.

Miss L. L. Dock has been on tour speaking in her own delightful friendly way to various alumnae associations, amongst them the Johns Hopkins School, on the all-important questions of "State Nurses' Associations," "Registration," and "Nurses' Organizations in General."

The Passing Bell.

Many members of the staff of St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, as well as nurses of other institutions who came into contact with her when she was house nurse at the Maternity Home, at Battersea, will hear with sorrow of the death of Miss Sarah Ann Whitbread, who for the last ten years has been a member of the staff of the Universities Mission to Central Africa. Before the Hospital was built she did excellent pioneer work, and afterwards helped to maintain the nursing at a high standard. From time to time she had severe attacks of malaria, but her enthusiasm for her work only increased as time went on, and it is only two years ago since she returned to Africa, as it proved for the last time, full of hope for the new work recently started in the island of Pemba, to which she had offered her services on her return. The news of her death has been received by cable, so no details are at present known. Her influence over the natives was great, and the loss will be deeply felt both by the Mission, generally, and by her nursing colleagues in East Africa, for her genuine goodness, and sunny temperament won both respect and affection. Miss Whitbread received her training at King's College Hospital.

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