

### The Paris Conference.

As letters of enquiry as to the terms of arrangement for a party of 30, to attend the Paris Conference, have in the past week been so numerous, all letters on this matter for the future will be answered in the Journal. The party must travel together to Paris on the trains and boat arranged, but members may prolong their stay in Paris beyond the 24th of June if they choose, their return ticket being available. As there appears to be a great demand for the thirty tickets, all those wishing to avail themselves of the very reasonable terms offered must make up their minds, and communicate with Miss Breay as soon as possible. Paris is full of visitors in June, and single bedrooms very difficult to procure. The terms will be found on page 280.

We are beginning to wonder if the Conference Hall in Paris will hold all the members who are notifying their intention of being present, but the more the merrier. We have been much struck with the great advantage of organisation during the past week. Take Ireland—from the Emerald Isle, through the medium of the Irish Nurses' Association, and its Ulster Branch, very good terms will be procured for the Irish contingent, and it is delightful to hear what a number of prominent Irish Matrons are already making arrangements to be in Paris by June 18th.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses will be most efficiently represented. Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent, from London; Miss Cowper, Superintendent, Scottish Branch, from Edinburgh; Miss Lamont, Superintendent, Irish Branch, from Dublin, and several other Superintendents and Queen's Nurses, will attend the Conference as at present arranged. We hope they will take part in the discussion on the Papers to be read in the Sessions dealing with "The Public and Social Responsibilities of the Nurse," as Queen's Nurses more than any others come into intimate touch with the conditions of the people, and are doing a very fine piece of national work. We were specially told in Paris how greatly interested everyone would be in District Nursing, as such work is in its infancy in France.

Miss Nellie M. Casey, Secretary of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, writes from Philadelphia that she hopes to be with us in Paris. The more prominent American organisers who come the better. We all want to know them personally.

The Draft Programme of the Conference, with names of Papers and Speakers, appeared in our issue of March 23rd, and can be obtained from the office of this Journal, 11, Adam Street, Strand, London, W.C., price 2d. post free.

### Progress of State Registration.

The Bill "To Regulate the Qualifications of Trained Nurses, and to Provide for their Registration," promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, was put down for its second reading in the House of Commons, for Tuesday, April 9th, by Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, who is in charge of it. Owing, however, to the congestion of Government business the second reading was not reached.

#### REGISTRATION IN DENMARK.

The Danish Council of Nurses has now 1,000 members, and recently Miss Hellfach and Miss C. Lütken, the Hon. Secretary of the Council, were received as a deputation by the Prime Minister of Denmark, when they placed before him the necessity for the State Registration of Nurses, after three years' training, and invited his help and support. The deputation was very sympathetically received.

The State has recently granted 340,000 kroner to the Nursing School connected with the new Rigshospital in Copenhagen.

#### IN THE UNITED STATES.

Because the Legislature of some of the American States have treated their nurses justly and with comparatively little opposition passed Bills regulating their professional education and registration, we are apt to imagine that there has been no interested opposition to nursing organisation across the Atlantic. This is not quite the case. One has only to read reports from the medical and lay nursing press to realise that self interested opposition lurks beneath the columns of platitudes vouchsafed when the *co-operation of the worker* is under discussion.

But the American woman worker has a better grip of the laws of labour than we have on this side, and in every State finds leaders amongst the Matrons who take their rightful place in the van, and use their influence to elevate nursing as a whole. Illinois nurses are again well to the fore—seemingly not a bit dismayed that their Registration Bill, passed by the Senate, has on two previous occasions been squandered by the Governor at the instigation, we imagine, of wire pulling employers.

At Paris, for the first time, we hope to have a contingent of R.N.'s, that is, regis-

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