

The German Contingent to the Paris Conference.

One of the greatest pleasures of the Paris Nursing Conference to those who were in Berlin in 1904, will be to once more meet Sister Agnes Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association, whom they there learnt to know and regard with warm feelings of friendship, and whose work impressed them with profound admiration.

Sister Karll hopes to be accompanied by twenty-four members of the German Nurses' Association, including Matrons of important hospitals. Two very interesting personalities in this contingent are Fraulein Erna Weydemann, a Sister at the Children's Hospital, Dusseldorf, who is being sent to the Conference by the town of Dusseldorf, and who will read a paper on "The War on Infantile Mortality," and Fraulein Charlotte von Caemmerer, the daughter of a general in the German Army, who for more than six years worked in the Eppendorf Hospital, at Hamburg, and then as Charge Nurse of the Eye-Clinic, Eppendorf. At present she is working in the office of the German Nurses' Association in the Nürnberger Strasse, Berlin, and is sub-editor of its official organ, *Unterm Lazaruskreuz*.

Sister von Caemmerer will present a paper on "The Nurses' Registration Act in Germany." We have pleasure in publishing the portraits of both these ladies, and are sure members of the Conference will be pleased to be introduced to them, and their work, in this way before meeting them personally in Paris.

The office of the German Nurses' Association is the centre in which much good work in connection with nursing organisation is being carried out by Sister Karll and her earnest band of workers.

In this country we can at present show no such centre in which organisation can be concentrated, and systematised, under the direction of nursing experts. The German Nation has a genius for work of this sort, and the office of its Nurses' Association, and its work may well become a model for nurses of other nationalities. It is certain that such a centre is of the very highest value as a means of bringing nurses into touch with one another, and of gathering up the threads of various branches of work through the country and preserving records which can be consulted by those who wish for information on any particular subject. Another

side of the work of such an office is, of course, to further fresh organisation, and last but not least, to maintain for its members a voice in the professional press. No profession can, in these days, advance without a voice in the press, and if such an organ is not edited and controlled by members of the profession concerned it is not only useless, but a positive danger. The members of the German Nurses' Association, therefore, as well as nurses of other nations, are indebted to Sister Karll for founding the Journal, which not only affords evidence of the vitality and success of the Association, but is an essential factor in its existence as a public body.



Sister ERNA WEYDEMANN.

PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AT CONFERENCE.

It has been arranged to give publicity at the Paris Conference to the Nursing Journals of Societies affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, as it is felt these will prove a great source of interest to members of the Conference, and will afford convincing proof that there is plenty of journalistic ability amongst nurses. Miss Breay will be responsible for those from the United Kingdom, and will be obliged if copies of the current issues of these Journals can be forwarded, to her at once at 431, Oxford Street, W.

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