

## Our Foreign Letter.

### NURSING AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.



Dear Editor,—  
It has just been arranged here that a special session for nurses is to be a part of the International Tuberculosis Congress in September, at which they may have the advantage of discussing their work with each other. The share of nurses in the Congress comes under three heads:—

1. Certain papers and discussions in general sessions will be allotted to nurses.
2. The special nurses session will comprise short papers dealing with the various practical points in the nurse's part of the anti-tuberculosis campaign.
3. Exhibits from nurses will be received and shown in connection with the other exhibits with which their work is related.

The nurses will come into Section V. of the Congress—viz., Hygiene, Social, Industrial, and Economic Aspects of Tuberculosis. This section dates from September 28 to October 3. It is under the presidency of Edward T. Devine, and a committee has been appointed to deal with the nursing programme, comprising a number of well-known women, with Miss Nutting as chairman. I should be grateful to the Journal for announcing that we hope to present a programme of very short, very practical papers at the special session, covering all of the nurses activities in the combatting of tuberculosis—her nursing and her educational propaganda. We shall call upon certain individuals for certain papers, but we ask for, and will welcome, *all voluntary contributions* in the shape of brief, practical, useful papers upon *any one point* which the writer is especially interested in, and we will enter these as discussions under the topic to which they belong. Although all cannot be read, they will be ready for publication. All material contributed should be in by the 15th of July, in order that the necessary translations of important articles may be made. Articles may be sent after that date, but they cannot then be sure of translation.

The Nurses' Session Committee also desire to extend a cordial invitation to all nurses of foreign countries who are travelling, or who may be in America, to come to the Congress and participate in the meetings.

The outline of the programme for the Nurses' Special Session includes the protection of the family of tubercular patients; the nurse's devices as to bed, rooms, diet, fresh air, occupation, exercise, diversion of patients in their homes; her methods of disinfection, and of teaching the same; the various extensions of nursing work, as in sanatoria,

camp, day camps, forest schools, floating hospitals; of teaching, as in girls' or mothers' classes, schools, clubs, district nursing centres, etc., etc.

The management of exhibits will be especially in someone else's hands, not mine. Present inquiries regarding exhibits may be sent to Miss Nutting, at Teachers' College, New York. All papers, discussions, and questions regarding the same, may be sent to me as Secretary of the Special Nurses' Session, addressed to Fayetteville, Franklin Co., Pa., where I shall be during the summer.

As the time is short, I will ask that the German, French, Dutch, Danish, and Finnish nursing journals will regard this notice as though addressed to themselves, and will report its invitation to all nurses in their own languages.

Cordially yours,

L. L. Dock,

Secretary of Special Session of Nursing.

## The Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition.

A four days' Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition was opened on Tuesday, April 28th, at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, London, W., by the Hon. Lady Acland, who, in the course of her remarks, expressed the opinion that a nurse cannot be too highly trained. There was, she said, sometimes some hesitation in country places in employing the highly trained nurse in country cottages, but once she was employed she was invariably appreciated.

Many appliances of interest to nurses were on view, but we missed the key note of a nursing exhibition, the exhibits and inventions of nurses and midwives themselves. It was evident that the rôle assigned to them was that of spectators, not of organisers and exhibitors. An exception to be noted was the Murphy's Breast Binder, shown by the Home for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich, a useful and practical device.

Amongst the firms who were exhibitors were Messrs. E. and R. GARROULD, of 150, Edgware Road, who, as usual, were well to the fore with the latest improvements in nursing and midwifery requisites.

A special exhibit arranged by Messrs. Garrould in conformity with suggestions by Mrs. Robinson was a room fitted as a nursery, where beds, cots, chairs with kindergarten fittings, etc., were shown. Here were on view patterns of babies' clothes, recommended to those who attend the L.C.C. midwifery classes, which were interesting and practical.

THE GAS LIGHT AND COKE CO., LTD., Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W., showed some of the newest patterns in their gas stoves suitable for nurseries and bedrooms, and which prove such a convenience in so many houses. Their Gas-heated Water Circulator received much attention.

JEXES SANITARY COMPOUNDS Co., 64, Cannon Street, E.C., showed the many Cyllin preparations which are deservedly becoming increasingly popu-

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