

entitled to vote will be given later, the Agenda of this meeting sent to each, and seats reserved for them in the Hall.

As the deliberations will be of great interest the rest of the Hall will be reserved for members of affiliated National Councils of Nurses, so that they may realise the far-reaching influence of this extending international federation of trained nurses. An international Badge of ribbon will be available to be worn by the members of every affiliated society of nurses grouped into National Councils, federated in the International Council of Nurses, a sign of the growing solidarity of the nursing craft. The Presidents and Delegates of the International Council, together with other distinguished members of the Congress, will be entertained to luncheon at 2 p.m., upon the invitation of the President of the hostess National Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

In the evening, Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will entertain distinguished guests and others at a *Conversazione* in the Great Hall at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., when the invited speakers to take part in the Congress will be introduced and welcomed to London.

#### THE CONGRESS.

The Congress will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th July, at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, when Mrs. Isabel Hampton Robb, of the United States, will present a Paper on the "International Standard of Nursing Education and Registration."

The coming Congress is arousing the greatest interest both at home and abroad, and already many of the distinguished foreign nurses who have been invited to speak have consented to do so. From the United States we are to have Papers from Mrs. Robb, President of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools; from Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Professor of Domestic Science, Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York; from Miss Anna I. Alline, Official Inspector of Training Schools under the Regents of the University of New York; and from Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the American Federation of Nurses, and of the International Council of Nurses.

After the next meeting of our National Council, at which the four delegates to attend the International Quinquennial Meeting will be elected, a programme of the arrangements for the Congress and the Exhibition of Nursing Appliances, and Social Functions, will be available. Suggestions for making this conference as agreeable as possible will be gladly received by the Hon. Secretary.

## Progress of State Registration.

### THE LEAGUES AT WORK.

We are pleased to report that the organised Nurses' Societies in England, and many of their friends, are taking active measures to bring the very urgent necessity for nursing legislation before Parliament, and working loyally together for the general good. St. Bartholomew's Nurses' League, the Leicester Nurses' League, the Victoria and Bournemouth, the Chelsea and the Kingston Infirmary Leagues, St. John's House League, the School Nurses' League, and the Registered Nurses' Society have all passed resolutions, giving cogent reasons why they are demanding legislation—not just like parrots voting "Yes," "No," or "I prefer to sit on the hedge."

### FEVER NURSES AND REGISTRATION.

The Fever Nurses' Association has also given much thought to the registration question. Few people realise how important a section of nursing infectious work has now become, how necessary are the hundreds of fever hospitals, in which patients suffering from infectious diseases are isolated for the protection of the community. The Council of the Fever Nurses' Association is in cordial sympathy with the principle of State Registration for general trained nurses, and recognises that a separate State register cannot be set up for nurses with fever training only. Consequently the Council has sought means of recognising fever training under State registration which will not in any way hamper legislation. Briefly the Council desires that when a general trained nurse is admitted to the register the fact that she has received special training in fever work should be recognised by placing the words "Also trained in fever nursing," after her name in the register. Behind this stipulation is the fact that if fever training is not specifically recognised under State registration, its value will be greatly reduced, and the whole system of fever nursing suffer. The Council also wishes the interests of the large body of fever nurses and hospitals to be directly represented on the Registration Council by a specially appointed Medical Superintendent and Matron.

The Hon. Secretaries of the Association have written to the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, calling their attention to the necessity for recognition of the interests of fever nurses in the Nurses' Registration Bill, which has already passed the House of Lords. The letter has been referred to the Hospitals Committee for consideration and report.

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