

### Nursing Echoes.



Nurses and midwives are to form two of the sections of women workers in the pageant which will walk in procession from Eaton Square, Sloane Street, and Knightsbridge, to the Albert Hall, on Tuesday next. As there is only room in the arena for 1,000 persons, the sections will be limited to ten in each. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be in charge of the nurses, and Miss Rosalind Paget will be with the midwives. They will march behind insignia emblematic of their professions.

We regret to note that in the preliminary list of Papers offered to the Canadian Council of Women, by the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland for discussion at the forthcoming International Congress to be held at Toronto in June, that there is not one by a trained nurse, and the only Paper referring to this important branch of women's work is one entitled "Some Points in the Training of Nurses," by Dr. Mabel Paine. The truth is Matrons and nurses are too busy to write Papers on the chance of their being refused by the Canadian Council. A certain number of experts should have been directly invited to write on their own subject. To this they would have responded.

Lady Margaret Boscawen presented a cheque for £1,000 which she has raised by special appeal to the Cornwall County Nursing Association at the annual meeting held at Truro last week.

The Jubilee Congress on District Nursing, to be held in Liverpool on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of May, is arousing much interest at home and abroad. Many delegates are expected to attend from the Continent of Europe, the United States, and the Colonies. We hope trained Superintendents of District Nursing Associations are being invited to give the Congress the benefit of their expert experience.

We warmly approve the Territorial Nursing scheme, because the value of thorough training and skill has been recognised as the necessary qualification for enrolment on the staff. It is marvellous how anxious a certain class of woman always is—when public recognition and advertisement are to be had—to step in and reap reward for the work of others. This of

late has become a veritable nuisance with everything connected with the nursing of the sick. No sooner has a thoroughly sound professional standard for volunteer nurses been defined by the War Office, than the "born nurse"—usually a society woman who has a maid to button her boots—writes to the lay press and suggests that "women with some training, who hold a nursing certificate from one of the health societies, and those willing to undergo a course of elementary training," should be taught by doctors and nurses how "to make the fullest use of emergency appliances for arresting bleeding," etc., and should be awarded a certificate of efficiency—in fact, that a Volunteer Nursing Service should be recognised by the War Office of women who are not nurses at all. Let these ardent patriots make themselves efficient domestic workers—learn how to clean, cook, wash, and put on their own clothes, so that they will find a wide scope for their energies when the enemy is at the gate. At all events, let them leave the "bleeding" defender of our liberties to the surgeon and the aseptic nurse, so that if he survives his wound he may not die of pyæmia.

The Lady Mayoress of Bradford, Mrs. James Hill, has received a letter from Colonel de Burgh Birch, of Leeds, Administrative Medical Officer of the West Riding Division Territorial Force, drawing attention to the need for development of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. "It does not appear to be generally known in Bradford," writes the Colonel, "that the Territorial Force Nursing Service for the West Riding has been formed, and it seems necessary to bring the Service to the knowledge of the professional nurses more thoroughly than so far has been done. . . . There must be many private nurses fully qualified who would join if the object were brought to their notice." The writer appeals to the Lady Mayoress to call a meeting of nurses in the neighbourhood so that he might bring the subject before the ladies of the city and district. Duly qualified nurses who wish to know more of the movement are requested to communicate with the Lord Mayor's Secretary (Mr. C. A. Smith) at the Town Hall, Bradford.

The first four French pupils have concluded their two months' residence at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and returned to the Nursing College of the Salpêtrière Hospital at Paris. This educational experiment has proved successful, the French pupils having made the best use of the short time of training at their disposal. The Matron, Sisters, and nurses at "Bart's." have taken a great interest in the

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