

Dr. Emmeline Stuart, of Ispahan, an eloquent member of the Church Missionary Society, will read a Paper in this Session, following that on "Preparation," by Miss E. Margaret Fox, on "The Practical Sphere of a Nurse's Work in the Mission Field," and we are glad to know that many nurses hope to attend this meeting.

Fraulein Karll is busy in Berlin making arrangements for the Congress, and hopes to bring several interesting exhibits. In Stockholm a Committee is making arrangements for at least ten representatives to come to London. It is very probable that Miss Maxwell, of the Presbyterian Hospital, and Miss Goodrich, of the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York, will form part of the American delegation, with both of whom we shall all be delighted to renew acquaintance. Miss Goodrich was with us in Berlin, and Miss Maxwell at Paris.

REPRESENTATION OF AUSTRALASIAN NURSES.

At the last Council meeting of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, held in Sydney, it was decided to forward to Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, the names of some prominent nurses at present in England with a view to their being asked to represent the Association at the Congress. Any certificated nurses trained in Australasia, nominated by the Association, or the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, will be welcomed as fraternal delegates and afforded every facility for taking part in the deliberations and social functions.

THE QUINQUENNIAL MEETING.

The arrangements for the Business Meeting of the International Council are almost complete, and it is not going to be a dry-as-dust affair—quite *au contraire*. The election of the Hon. Officers and the Ceremony of Affiliation of National Councils will provide numerous opportunities for graceful amenities between the nurses of the nations.

The President of the American Federation has been invited to congratulate the International Council upon the election of the new President and Hon. Officers. Miss Snively, Canada, and Miss Mollett, Great Britain, will also take part in these congratulations. Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Lamont, Miss Huxley, Miss Rogers, and Miss Forrest, will welcome the incoming Councils with flowers, and little speeches. The Amendments and Resolutions will then be considered.

THE EXHIBITION.

District Nursing Section.—Miss Eden, Kingston Grange, Taunton, will be glad to receive as soon as possible suggestions for a graphic

illustration of the Educative Influence of the District Nurse, "How the Nurse Prevents Tuberculosis, Infant Mortality, etc." Nurses wishing to help this section should communicate with Miss du Sautoy, Superintendent, S.C.N.A., 16, Elm Grove, Taunton.

Help will be welcomed with the Mortuary Section, and Models Section. Please address the Secretary, Nursing Exhibition, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Tickets for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council on July 19th, which will be free to all Vice-Presidents and members of Congress, will be ready, together with the Preliminary Programme and tickets, price 3s., for the Congress on June 1st, when they can be procured from the Secretary (Congress tickets), 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Tickets should be secured early.

Progress of State Registration.

The coming Congress will be a splendid opportunity to learn all we can from the "Registered Nurses" who will be present of the working of the various Acts by which they have obtained legal status.

The Paper dealing with the various aspects of Registration, which is being prepared by Miss Alline, Official Inspector of Training Schools, under the Regents of the University of New York, is, we are glad to learn, encouraging and solid, a continuous upbuilding process being the result of the American Registration Acts.

We think the "R.N.'s" ought to prominently expose these magic letters in some form of badge, just to bring home to us the fact that we are suffering great professional injustice, and also that some of us may realise that the discreditable condition in which we find ourselves is in a great degree our own fault. Apathetic and lacking in self-respect, we are lagging away behind the nurses in our colonies, in the United States, in Germany, and many little European countries, in their unselfish efforts to raise their work for the common good. Here the personal note is too often sounded, "What shall I gain? How will registration benefit me? Why can't I have everything for nothing? Till one sometimes wonders how the pauper taint has got such a grip on the community. We once asked a New York nurse how they came to get their Bill through in so short a time. "Short a time!" she replied briskly, "Don't you run away with that idea. The American women have respected themselves *all the time!*"

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