

Nurse Examiners are concerned, an entirely new branch of educational work, for which trained nurses of the highest attainments will be able to qualify themselves.

With the rising standards of medicine and surgery, nursing must be ever in the ascending scale, and the haphazard lack of system under which nurses are now trained in many institutions, cannot be permitted to continue. All this will cost money, and when nurses realise what a valuable return they will receive for the expenditure proposed, they will be very shortsighted if they do not cheerfully pay the small sum required, so that their educational standards and status may be of the best.

The whole trend of this man-managed world is to depreciate as worthless the status and work of women, and so long as women have neither the courage nor the self-respect to repudiate this attitude of men towards their sex so long will they be treated with contempt where their mental and moral attributes are concerned. Realise the indispensable and honourable nature of a trained nurse's labour in the body politic, and then ask yourself, Is it worth five guineas, or is it not? Your answer will indicate the quality of the services you propose to render.

International Congress of Nurses.

We announce with pleasure that the Right Hon. the Lord Sandhurst, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will take the chair at the Session at the International Congress of Nurses, when "The Relations of Nursing and Medicine" are to be discussed. Miss Mollett will present the Nurses' point of view, and we feel sure it is safe in her eloquent keeping.

The National Council of Nurses of this country has invited the Presidents of the affiliated National Councils of Nurses and of those national bodies to be affiliated on July 19th, to do it the honour of being its guests from July 17th to 24th, at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, and we hope all will accept. They will form a delightful party. This hospitality has been made possible by the financial support of individuals and nurses' societies, and the Hospitality Committee beg to acknowledge with most grateful thanks the offer to entertain a guest from the Matrons' Council, one by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, one by the Registered Nurses' Society, one by Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Cutler, Miss

Marcon, and Miss G. Le Geyt, and one by the Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The smaller Leagues are sending their subscriptions and inviting guests to the Banquet on July 21st. All communications *re* hospitality should be addressed to Mrs. Walter Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London. W. *The more money the merrier!*

THE AUSTRALASIAN DELEGATION.

A letter has been received from Sydney from the Hon. Secretary of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, nominating four Australasian nurses—who will be in England at the time of the Congress—so that they may be invited to take part as fraternal delegates. This has been done with pleasure.

The Australasian Societies have not yet federated into a National Council composed of trained nurses, but they have done much through their various voluntary Associations to raise the conditions of nursing education and work, and we should like to hear first hand all they are doing.

The Council of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association sends an expression of hearty good wishes for the success of the Congress.

THE GERMAN DELEGATION.

The following ladies have been elected as the four delegates to represent the German Nurses' Association, and support the President, Sister Agnes Karll, at the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, on July 19th next.

1. Sister Hanna Miller, Lady Superintendent of the Municipal Hospital, Rheydt.
2. Sister Hedwig Schmidts, late Theatre Head Sister, Municipal Hospital, Charlottenburg, Vice-President, German Nurses' Association.
3. Sister Martha Francke, Matron, Emperor and Empress Frederick Children's Seashore Sanatoria, Norderney, late Sister, German Hospital, London.
4. Sister Erna Nagel, late Sister of the Surgical Wing, the Hospital, Marienberg in Helmstedt, and of the International Hospital, Palermo, Italy.

Amongst the members of the German Nurses' Association who will attend the Congress and take part in the discussions in the various Sections are Sister Elizabeth von der Planitz Weimar; Sister Ellen Schojwinkel, Cologne; Sister Helene Faas, Zurich, Matron of the Kinderstation, representing the Poor Law Directors; Sister Victoria von Huene, Berlin; Sister Martha Presterlen, Stuttgart; and Sister Lilly Lehwald, Mannheim.

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