

All these delegates are Registered Nurses under the Act for the State Examination of Nurses in the German Empire, passed in 1906, and can speak English well. Sister Karl is interesting herself in material for the Exhibition. She writes: "Some beautiful dolls have arrived, amongst them a sweet little Franciscan nun. I think our baby exhibit will be nice; it comes from the Matron of the Gisela Children's Hospital in Munich, Sister Martha von Studeradt. Germany is evidently going to be well to the fore at the Congress.

#### THE DELEGATION FROM SWEDEN.

From Stockholm comes the official information that a Committee has been formed of representatives of all the chief Nursing Institutions under the patronage of the Queen Dowager Sophia, whose life-long personal interest in the care of the sick is so well known.

A delegation of about thirty Swedish nurses will attend the Congress, and rank as fraternal delegates, as the organisation will hardly be completed in time to apply for affiliation with the International Council in July. We need not add that the heartiest welcome awaits the Swedish nurses from our National Council.

#### THE DELEGATION FROM JAPAN.

The following letter has been received from Japan in reply to Miss Dock's letter of invitation, that Japanese nurses should take part in the Congress:—

Société Japonaise de la Croix-Rouge,  
Tokio, April 10th.

DEAR MADAM,—We are in receipt of your favour of the 1st ult., regarding the International Council of Nurses to be held in London from the 19th to the 23rd of July, to which you have so kindly extended your invitation to our nurses, or to the nursing body of Japan. We are very much interested in your undertaking, as, we have no doubt, it is of great benefit to humane work, and would be a good opportunity on the part of our nurses to learn more about far advanced nursing systems in Europe and America, as well as to get in touch with nurses of the West. Please note that we have so arranged as to delegate to the said Congress one Head Nurse and a member of the Ladies' Volunteer Nursing Association of the Red Cross Society of Japan, the former representing the whole Red Cross Nursing body, and the latter the said Association respectively. We shall be greatly obliged if you would communicate hereafter to them directly anything that is necessary. Their names and addresses are given below.

Thanking you for your invitation,

Yours very respectfully,

M. MATSUHATA.

#### NAMES OF DELEGATES AND THEIR CREDENTIALS.

1. Madam Nobu Matsudaira, Delegate from the Ladies' Volunteer Nursing Association of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

2. Miss Take Hagiwara, Head Nurse, Delegate from the nursing body of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

Madam Nobu Matsudaira is a daughter of Marquis Chokudai Nabeshima, Court Councillor to the Emperor, and is married to Mr. Taneo Matsudaira, a younger brother of Viscount Yodai Matsudaira, and has been granted a Diploma of Merit from the Government for her service done during the late Russo-Japanese War as a member of the Ladies' Volunteer Nursing Association.

Miss Take Hagiwara received a war medal, accompanied by a gift of money from the Government for her services during the Chino-Japanese War, was decorated with the Seventh Order of Crown, a War Medal from his Majesty the Emperor, and the Officier d'Academie Decoration from France for the service she rendered during the Boxer trouble in China; and a War Medal, accompanied with a gift of money, from the Government for her service rendered during the Russo-Japanese War. In time of peace, she has been engaged in the Central Red Cross Hospital of the Society as the Vice-Superintendent of the said hospital nurses and its probationers. At present she holds the honourable position of Head Nurse of the said hospital.

We feel sure the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will vie with one another in welcoming these patriotic Japanese ladies to participation in the Congress, and that our Secretary of State for War will be honoured by their support on the platform when he gives his Address to the nurses of so many nations on "The Nurse as Patriot."

#### THE NURSING EXHIBITION.

All enquiries concerning the Nurses' Practical Exhibit should be addressed to the Secretary, Nursing Exhibition, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

*Photographs, Badges, Brassards, etc.*—All those who will kindly lend photographs of interest to Nurses, Badges, or Brassards will oblige by intimating the same at once on a post-card to Sister Cartwright, Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, W., so that instructions may be sent.

#### DISTRICT NURSES' EXHIBIT.

All information can be received from Miss C. C. du Sautoy, 16, Elm Grove, Taunton. As it is desired to make this section as useful as possible, it is hoped many district nurses will help the organisers.

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