

**International News.**

For some weeks past Miss Dock has been studying in London the social problems which appeal to her humanitarian heart, and it was a very dejected quartette of nurses who waved her good-bye last Friday, as the train taking her to Liverpool steamed out of Euston Station, the first stage on her homeward journey. Miss Dock was to visit the Royal Infirmary, and the scene of Agnes Jones's heroic labours—the Brownlow Hill Infirmary at Liverpool—before crossing to Ireland. In Dublin she is the guest of Miss Huxley at "Elpis," and will visit Belfast, where Lady Hermione Blackwood will show her around, from which port she embarks for Canada.

Miss Dock returns to the United States deeply gratified, not to say delighted, with the progress and success which the International Council of Nurses has made in its first decade, and with the *spirit* of the meeting in London, a success which is so largely the result of her special genius for realising all that is best in every human being with whom she comes in contact, and to her quite unique and graphic power of the pen.

A busy winter's work is before her; the third volume of the "History of Nursing" must be tackled, and the manual for nurses on venereal disease, so urgently needed, will consume the midnight oil. The readers of this Journal will unite with us in wishing *bon voyage* to "our dear Miss Dock."

**TIME BY THE FORELOCK.**

Sister Agnes Karll, that wonderful woman, has let no grass grow under her feet since leaving London. Already she has visited Cologne and made all arrangements for the Council and Congress of 1912. The Lord Mayor is delighted that we are coming, and we are to use a noble and beautiful historic Hall, which was opened in the year 1475 by the Emperor Frederick III. Then two smaller halls are to be available for sectional meetings. A school is to be used for the exhibits, which Sister Agnes intends to make a special feature, as in London. She intends to invite the advertisers in this Journal to help her to make it a success.

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES REPORT.**

The Report of the Second Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, recently held in London, is now ready, and can be obtained post free from the Treasurer, I.C.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, England. Price 1s. a single copy, or 6s. a dozen copies. This Report contains much interesting information.

**The Scottish Nurses' Association.**

We recently had the pleasure of announcing the formation of a Scottish Nurses' Association. For many years the interests of Scottish nurses have suffered for lack of such an association, in which they could take counsel together concerning their professional affairs, and through which their opinions could be voiced. Notably this has been the case in connection with the movement for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, so that when the Nurses' Registration Bill was drafted, while provision was made for the representation of Irish interests on the first Council to be created under the Act, by allotting a seat to a nurse appointed by the Irish Nurses' Association, it was found impossible to make a similar provision in the case of Scotland, because no Scottish Nurses' Association was in existence.

It apparently needed the movement promoted by the separatists who desire to see the Registration of Nurses in Scotland carried out under an Act dealing with that country alone—and under conditions which, if carried into effect, would render reciprocity impossible, not only with England and Ireland, but also with those of our Colonies which have established State examinations for nurses, as a necessary preliminary to registration—to rouse Scottish nurses to combine.

The Scottish Nurses' Association, with Sir William Macewen, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., as President; Mrs. Strong, as Senior Vice-President; Miss McNeillie, Princess Louise Hospital, Rosneath, as Hon. Secretary; and Miss Burleigh, Matron of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, as Treasurer, has now issued a leaflet indicating its policy, in which it announces:—

"The Association will endeavour to bring the various branches of the nursing profession into touch with one another, and to raise the standard of the profession. It will be a means whereby nurses will be kept informed of what is going on in the nursing world likely to affect their professional interest. It will act as a medium for voicing their opinions.

"At the present moment the question of State Registration of Nurses by a single portal for the United Kingdom being all important, the Association will, in the first instance, direct its energies to the furthering of this end.

"There are at present two British Bills before Parliament which have this object in view, the one promoted by the Royal British Nurses' Association and the other by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses; and efforts are being made to amalgamate these, the joint Bill retaining the good points in each.

"While these Bills primarily extended to Great Britain only, the Irish Nurses' Association made

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