

gravity. The encircling waters sank to the lowermost place, and surrounded the solid globe.

THE PROCESSION OF IMMORTALS.

After æons of time we will suppose that Hygeia, the Goddess of Health, visits the Earth, supported by the beneficent Elements, Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, the separation of which evolved Order out of Chaos. Following in her train will come the Spirit of Nursing, attended by the Attributes of Compassion and Kindness, Gentleness and Modesty, Courage and Patience, Devotion and Endurance.

The Science of Nursing will follow, supported by Truth and Knowledge; with Truth will come Mental Purity, and Moral Beauty; and Knowledge will have as her attendants Observation and Diligence, Understanding and Intellectual Discipline. These parts will be suitably personified and dressed.

Hygeia, in the centre of the platform, will have the Elements grouped around her, and the Spirit of Nursing and the Science of Nursing with their Attributes to right and left.

The Goddess will then speak the Prologue, and will demand that Order (in Nursing) be brought out of Chaos. She will show that the basic principle of her Sanitary Law is a sufficiency for all living beings of the fruits of the Earth, pure food, and clothing—of Air, the breath of life—of Fire, sunlight and warmth—of Water, cleanliness. How the deprivation of these elemental gifts of Nature results in degeneration and disease. Order, Nature's first Law, must therefore be enforced by organisation. She will call upon the Spirit of Nursing for the result of her ministrations.

The Spirit will recall how through all the ages her Attributes have spent themselves for the succour of Life, yet how Ignorance and the seven Deadly Sins have for ever obstructed Grace. The Goddess will then refer to Science, and will summon the Mortals to her Presence, so that she may listen to their Petitions.

THE PROCESSION OF MORTALS.

1. Saintly Women and the Nursing Orders.
2. The Nursing Curricula for Nurses and Matrons.
3. Nursing and the Community. General and Special Nursing, Maternity, School, District, Private, Mission, Prison, Mental, Naval, and Military (including Male Nurses).
4. The Registration Nursing Press. The National Journals—Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australasia, New Zealand, India, United States of America, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, etc.

5. The Nursing Acts—South African States, New Zealand, 24 American States, Germany, Belgium, and Egypt.

6. The Nursing Bills—Great Britain and Ireland, supported by eight affiliated societies, New South Wales and Victoria, Denmark and Finland.

7. Having listened to the Petitions, the Goddess Hygeia will speak the Epilogue. She will unite the Spirit with the Science of Nursing. Hand in hand they will follow her in a reformed Procession foreshadowing

8. Nursing, an organised Profession.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

The Organising Committee will be limited and active. Already Miss Mollett has undertaken to write the Prologue and Epilogue, so we may feel assured that they will be finely done. The Matrons' Council will organise Section 2, The Nursing Curricula, and their Procession should be an imposing one.

In Section 3, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Musson, and Miss Barton will take leading parts in connection with what has been done in general hospitals and infirmaries. Miss H. L. Pearse will present the School Nursing Sub-Section, and Miss Amy Hughes will be responsible for the history of District Nursing. With each sub-section the names of our honoured pioneers will be associated.

Section 4. The Registration Nursing Press, which has played so prominent a part in securing legislation in many parts of the world, is to be in charge of Miss M. Breay.

All the Acts and Bills will have something to say of accomplishment, or reforms to be accomplished.

Indeed, so much interest has been aroused amongst nurses in the possibilities of the Pageant that we have no doubt those willing to play a part—at least 200 will be required—will soon supply the needs of the Committee. Scotland and Ireland are being invited to co-operate, and there is no reason why, once organised, such a spectacular presentment of the Evolution of Trained Nursing should not be given in Edinburgh and Dublin, and other populous cities.

The date of the Registration Reunion and Pageant has been changed from February 2nd to Saturday, February 18th, to extend the time for preparation, and also to enable those who wish to attend from the country to avail themselves of week-end tickets.

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The Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING invites the views of Editors of the Registration Organs in the different countries as to the effective presentment of Section 4.

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