

as it would then only be necessary for us to have the brief digests made for the meeting. But for this, too, plenty of time should be allowed because of the overloading of regular work.

Another branch which Sister Agnes wishes to have well worked up is the description by Catholic or Anglican sisterhoods of the system upon which secular training schools for nurses are conducted by religious orders. She thinks this might be helpful to the German Catholic Sisters, who are great workers, very practical as nurses, and very progressive in their willingness to follow modern educational requirements, but who have never founded secular training schools in their hospitals. As you know, they have been among the readiest to support State Registration, and to agree to its conditions.

Germany has a great deficiency of nurses. It has not enough for its population, and this is one reason for the immense overwork of German nurses. We intend, therefore, to appeal to those English, Irish, and American orders that are conducting successful training schools, to come forth to Cologne and read papers there and encourage the German Sisters to do the same thing.

May I now, through these columns, ask all countries in membership or affiliated with the International Council, as well as those outside, who may desire to send fraternal delegates, please to translate this letter for their home papers, or at least to republish its message in their own words, so that each National Association may set about collecting the information asked for by the Council, at an early date.

I am, ever sincerely,

L. L. Dock, *Hon. Sec.*

International Council of Nurses.

We would invite the officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to carefully consider this letter, as we must decide at the next meeting of the Council what we can do to make the Cologne Triennial Meeting a success. Also will the Presidents of all the Societies and Leagues of Nurses which form the National Council reprint Miss Dock's letter in the next issue of the journal of such Societies and Leagues.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with many thanks the following donations:—Miss A. E. Hulme, 1s.; Miss E. Warriner, 5s.; Miss B. Cutler, £1 1s.; Miss B. Kent, £2; Miss Tunaley, 10s.; Miss Perkins, 10s.; Miss L. Warriner, 10s.; Miss Henderson, 5s.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The ninth Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held on Thursday, May 25th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., and it is hoped all members will note the date, and be present, if possible. The Society has accomplished much in its nine years of existence, and has now many friends of all parties in both Houses of Parliament. It is the opinion of many that there is no chance for any legislation for women in this country directly beneficial to their educational and economic status, until the vote is won. This we do not believe, although we own that the fight for justice is certainly much more strenuous for the poor and voteless than for the fully enfranchised male citizen. But that is no reason why we should shirk the fight. The more difficult it is to attain right the more energy and grit is required, and remember it is in such struggles that all the greatest qualities of character are forged and strengthened. What is the motive back of this demand for efficient professional training and education and power to keep our cloth clean? Ask yourselves that, and if you can conscientiously say: "To give the best help of hand and heart to those I serve, to prevent pain, heartbreak, and despair," then you are not going to hesitate to continue this struggle; you are not going to stand aside and let others fight for you; you are not going to be bought off, and slink away into a safe little pussy cat corner, where material comfort is assured, and your dwindling soul can be tweeked out of existence. You are going to do none of these things, but you are going to work, and work hard for the power to *do your duty*. Don't forget that on May 25th, 4.30 p.m., your attendance is claimed by your Annual Meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND AND NURSES' REGISTRATION.

The following amendments to the Nurses' Registration Bill (82), 1911, have been drafted by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and forwarded to Irish Members of Parliament.

1. Omit Sub-Clauses (c), (d), and (e) of Clause 4, and insert the following Sub-Clause:

(c) Five registered medical practitioners, three of whom shall be resident in England and Wales, and who shall be elected by the registered medical practitioners resident in England and Wales; one of whom shall be resident in Scotland, and who shall be elected by the re-

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