

THE CONGRESS AT COLOGNE.

Sister Agnes Karil is this week in Cologne taking in hand the preliminary arrangements for the Meetings of International Council of Nurses and the Nursing Congress Exhibition, which will open in that city on the 12th of August, 1912, for which she will soon send out the invitations. Those who visited Berlin in 1904 know what splendid organizers the German women are. We realise, therefore, the whole-hearted manner in which the German Nurses and their friends will throw themselves into the work of welcoming to Germany their colleagues from all over the world.

In addressing members of the German Nurses' Association, Sister Agnes writes: "I beg our Sisters to let me know at once all the Cologne notabilities who are likely to be interested in our Congress and Nursing Exhibition. Only the most careful preparation can insure the success of our Congress, and we must all of us consider it an honour to work for that end as far as it stands in our power. It will be a long time before Germany can again count on an International Congress on Nursing; for, as the International Council of Nurses grows, so do the number of countries belonging to it, which have a right to the Congress, increase. The next Congress in 1915 will probably be held in San Francisco, as the World's Exhibition to be held there in honour of the opening of the Panama Canal will give facilities for cheaper rates of travelling and other advantages. Europe has had three Congresses in succession: at Berlin 1904, Paris 1907, London 1909; and if India calls for a meeting in 1918 we cannot complain. We will, however, hope that Europe will always be alternately the scene of our Congress. If the number of participants continues to grow at the same rate as in the past—Berlin 100, Paris 400, London 700—we may expect 1,000 in Cologne. Therefore we must not allow this unique opportunity for German nursing to pass unused, and must now begin preparations."

ELOQUENT NURSES AT DRESDEN.

Unterm Lazaruskreuz contains a very keen and witty as well as interesting impression of the Dresden Meeting from the pen of Sister Else Paul. Her account of the speeches and the impression they had upon her made one long to have been there. The eloquence of the German nursing speakers must have been great, and makes one look forward with great pleasure to the opportunity we shall have of hearing them at Cologne. The remarks Sister Else Paul makes, after listening to some great and moving

speeches from Sister von Caemmerer and Fräulein Reichel, shows an appreciation of the work that is done for nurses, which must be most encouraging to those to whom it refers: "We nurses should really be ashamed to leave others to fetch the chestnuts out of the fire for us. But why is it that nurses have until now never been able to express their desires and their woes as Fräulein Reichel can do? I think it is chiefly because they are so overburdened with work; therefore nurses should be grateful when great thinking women step forward and give their time and their strength to serve us and strive to look at matters from our point of view.

"I also believe in self-help. But I do not wish to be misunderstood and to be considered a nurse who rebels against proper authority. My whole life belongs to nursing, and I believe nursing to be the noblest calling for a woman who stands alone in life. But I hold it my duty without fear of man to point to any wrong that exists in the interest of nursing, and therefore in the interest of humanity."

POST GRADUATE LECTURES AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

In his second Post-graduate Lecture, delivered in the Nurses' Home, on Tuesday, November 28th, 1911, on "New Methods of Treatment in the Eye Wards," Mr. W. Anderson, Ophthalmic Assistant, gave a description of the more important operations on the eye; among them being, the exenteration of orbit, the excision of globe, removal of cataract, iridectomy, paracentesis, expression, tenotomy, advancement, and operations on the eyelids to cure entropion, ectropion, trichiasis, ptosis, and meibomian cysts. The Lecturer also gave much useful information regarding the preparation of patient before the operation, the post-operative treatment, the dressings required, and the different complications that should be looked for by the Nurse. The Lecture concluded with instructions for putting in, and removing an artificial eye; and the best method of removing foreign bodies from the eye.

THE QUEEN'S PLEASURE.

The Queen has commanded Lady Aberdeen to convey to those connected with the St. Laurence's Catholic Home for Nurses, Dublin, Her Majesty's great pleasure that, owing to the gift of the freehold of that house by the Dowager Lady O'Hagan (who had placed it at the disposal of the Queen), the good work has been relieved of a considerable anxiety.

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