

MRS. GAMP AT HOME.

We are informed by Mrs. Gamp that our suggestion that she should be "At Home" to the National Council of Nurses at its meeting on February 15th has caught on "that tremendous" that she fears to give mortal offence to hundreds of her admirers if she attempts to hold this reception in a small way.

Mrs. Gamp therefore intends to receive her friends in a Hall sufficiently large for the purpose, and will communicate her hospitable plans to us during the coming week. Already the works of Dickens are being eagerly scanned, as all the guests must be in character—with the stipulation that no one is to duplicate the character of Mrs. Gamp.

THE COLOGNE CONGRESS.

CHANGE OF DATE.

Things are not quite so easily put through in Germany as in this more facile country, so we learn from Sister Agnes Karll that to suit the Education Department, which arranges holidays in Germany, it is most probable that the International Congress of Nurses at Cologne will open about the 29th of July instead of a fortnight later. Will our readers please note the proposed change of date, and make plans accordingly? We shall have definite information soon.

Miss Christina Forrest, Treasurer of the N.C.N., sails for Australia towards the end of the month. We hope she may arouse some interest in professional internationalism in the Commonwealth, as it is the quarter of the globe where the least interest has been taken in the great educational work of the International Council of Nurses.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM NURSES.

Amongst the kindest of friends to the Nurses' Registration cause is Mrs., now Lady, Mackenzie-Davidson, and THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers warm congratulations to her and to her distinguished husband, upon the honour of knighthood which has been bestowed upon him amongst the New Year's Honours.

Those of our readers who desire to obtain new appointments are advised to consult the advertisements which appear weekly in this journal, where they will find notices of many desirable vacancies.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

NURSING IN 1911.

In the annual report of the Nursing Department of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, it is stated that the average number of nurses and probationers on the staff during the year has been 263.5, as compared with 260 in the previous one. There were 640 applications for admission to the training school during the year. Seventy-six trained nurses left during the year—two left during training (one to go home, one health unsuitable); one to be matron of a nursing institution; one to be matron of a mission hospital; one to be assistant matron at an asylum; four to be sisters in other hospitals; seven to be Queen's Nurses; eight to go to nursing homes or hospitals as nurses; one to be a district nurse; one to be a school nurse; six to take maternity training; twenty to be private nurses; one to join the Colonial Nursing Association; three to be married; seventeen to go home; four to go abroad; one to take fever training. The period of training for nurses has been extended to four years. In making this alteration the managers are convinced that the change is not merely desirable, but necessary in the interests of the hospital and of the training of nurses. The health of the nurses has on the whole been good, only two patients exceeding a stay of three weeks in the sick-room. Four cases of infectious disease were removed to the City Hospital. Blair House continues to be of great benefit to the nurses, being much appreciated and proving very useful for convalescent nurses. The managers are much indebted to Dr. Graham Brown and Mr. Miles for their unfailing kindness and attention to those nurses who have required medical or surgical treatment. Courses of lectures have been given to the nurses and probationers by Dr. Graham Brown (medical nursing); Mr. Struthers (anatomy and physiology); Dr. F. D. Boyd (materia medica); Dr. Shennan (bacteriology); Dr. Gardner, Dr. Paterson, and Dr. Fraser (special subjects). Classes on pharmacy were held by the dispenser; and on general nursing by an assistant lady superintendent of nurses. Dr. Hood, resident surgeon to Mr. Miles, gave the demonstrations on instruments; the classes on these and bandaging were taken by an assistant lady superintendent of nurses. The examinations in these subjects were kindly conducted by Mr. Alexander Miles. Tutorial classes were also held for the probationers, and demonstrations given in sick-room cookery. The annual prize-giving took place in the Nurses' Home on

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