

NURSING AND INTERNATIONALISM.

THE CONGRESS AND NURSING EXHIBITION AT COLOGNE.

We all recognise that there is no nationality in nursing—that all the world over, of whatever creed, class, or colour the patient, the one essential between the nurse and humanity is that she should sympathetically prevent or alleviate sickness and pain. Thus the Triennial Meetings of the International Council of Nurses are calculated to emphasize this principle, and in consequence to create a bond of co-operation between the nurses of all nations, and to rub down insularities and widen narrow views of life generally. Nothing can be more beneficial to a class of women whose routine in life is somewhat circumscribed than to come in touch with quite new phases of thought and character.

The President of the International Council of Nurses—Sister Agnes Karll, of Berlin—is now in Cologne, shouldering the immense responsibility of the arrangements for the Meeting of the Council, International Nursing Congress, and Nursing Exhibition to be opened on the 4th of August next. We are glad to know there is to be such a large attendance of Matrons, Sisters, and nurses from this country, and that all the officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland intend to be present and support their German colleagues. It will be well to arrive at Cologne on the 2nd or 3rd August.

The Delegates will be entertained by the Municipality at a Banquet on the evening of the 4th in the historic Gürzenich, and on the morning of the 5th the Meeting of the International Council will be held in the same magnificent Hall. The Cologne ladies who are helping wish to present the Nursing Pageant in the evening of the 5th, so that at both the Banquet and Nursing Pageant Reception all those attending the Congress may come into social relations early in the week. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to the Congress, and on Thursday the trip by steamer up the Rhine to Kaiserswerth, the cradle of Modern Nursing, will be made. Many questions of interest, especially to the German nursing world, will be freely discussed, of which overwork is one of the most serious. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will present the Report for Great Britain and Ireland in the International Council Meeting. At the Congress Miss Mollett will deal with the Duties and Status of the Matron in the Training School. In Continental hospitals the Nursing Department is often under

the superintendence of a Military Director. A paper on Nurses' Hours of Work and Routine will be presented from various countries by way of comparison, and the Trained Nurse and Social Service will be comprehensively given by Miss B. Kent, who for months has been in communication with all sources of information on this most important development. Miss H. Hawkins has got together information concerning Preliminary Training in this country, which will be internationally tabulated by Miss J. C. van Lanschot Hubrecht, of Holland, the Secretary of the International Education Committee of the International Council.

THE EXHIBITION.

This journal has been allotted prominent space at the Nursing Exhibition at Cologne, as the official organ of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and will be found an excellent medium for leading firms of advertisers who desire to come in touch with the National Associations of Nurses on the Continent, in India, and in our Dominions beyond the Seas. We intend to issue a Special Congress Number, which will be widely circulated.

Those who are happy enough to be able to attend the Cologne Congress have awaiting them a delightful social and educational reunion of the leading nurses of the world. Miss B. Cutler, Hon. Secretary of our National Council, will be pleased to advise those wishing for information. Address Assistant Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Scottish Society of Trained Nurses—membership of which is open only to trained nurses—have fully justified its formation, judging from applications for entrance and the active interest shown by members. A promising feature of the Society is its representative character, which has already brought into the Council wide experience and varied nursing opinion, which cannot fail to bear fruit among educated and thoughtful nurses.

The following ladies have honoured the Society by their acceptance of Honorary Membership:—Miss Macfarlane, late Matron, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Logan, late Matron, Royal Infirmary, Perth; Miss Sandford, late Matron, City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh; Miss Pauline Peter, late General Superintendent, Q.V.J.N.I.; and Miss Wade, late Superintendent, Scottish Branch Q.V.J.N.I.

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