

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL ANNUITIES.

As we announced last week, the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will undertake the administration of the annuities to nurses of the Florence Nightingale Memorial, a very suitable arrangement, as a multiplicity of such charities only leads to useless expenditure. About £4,000 is available for the purpose. Dr. Ogier Ward, the hon. secretary, asks us to give prominence to the following announcement:—

The Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund invite applications from *disabled* trained nurses for these annuities, the allotment of which has been entrusted to this Fund.

It is expected that there will be five annuities, each of 10s. a week.

All suitable applicants, whether successful or not, will be recorded, and, if they are eligible, they will be considered when a vacancy occurs amongst the ordinary annuities of the Fund.

For forms and regulations apply *by letter only* to the Hon. Sec., Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

THE COLOGNE CONGRESS.

As several Irish nurses are anxious concerning arrangements for attending the International Nursing Congress at Cologne, Miss Carson Rae, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, has kindly consented to make arrangements for a party of nurses to go from Ireland to Cologne, if those wishing to attend will send in their names to her at once. Vouchers will be sent to Miss Carson Rae after 1st June, so that she can intimate to Sister Agnes Karll the names of the party, as no doubt all will wish to be included in the social functions. Will Irish nurses realise that, if comfortable arrangements are to be made for them, it is quite necessary that they should be made as soon as possible.

THE PANAMA EXHIBITION.

The American Commission, appointed by the President of the United States to support his request to European Governments to participate in the Panama Exhibition at San Francisco in 1915, is now in Europe, and was last week received by the King at Buckingham Palace.

In this connection it is interesting to note that an invitation is to be offered, from our American colleagues at the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne, to

hold its next meeting at San Francisco in 1915, and we have no doubt that it will be accepted. The Panama Canal is to be formally opened by the President of the United States on January 1st, 1915. The exhibition celebrating the event will be opened on February 20th of that year, and close on December 4th. It will be held on a site stretching for more than two miles along San Francisco Bay. The buildings and grounds will represent an expenditure of £10,000,000. In the heart of San Francisco an auditorium will be erected, costing £200,000, where international congresses will be held. The International Nurses' Congress will not be the least interesting of the series.

THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The School Nurses' League recently held a very successful Fancy Dress Dance, when quite a goodly number of charming and tasteful costumes were worn, some showing great care and ingenuity in their make-up. The floor was good, the music provided by Mr. Philimore's Quartette Party was excellent. The march past was a very bright and picturesque procession.

Miss Pearse, Mrs. Layton and Mr. Court acted as judges in awarding the prizes. The largest group of characters included dresses of many nations. The prizewinner, Miss Scragg, was a typical Indian Lady, and well merited first place. A Swedish Peasant and a Colleen Bawn were exceedingly good. There were also Spanish, Swiss, Italian, French, Dutch, Grecian, Canadian and other costumes worn, typical of the countries. Miss Mayman easily carried off first prize in the Early Victorian Group as Bunty. She looked very dainty, and as if accustomed all her days to a crinoline.

The Historical Group included a Norman Lady, Miss Wood, who took the prize; a very coquettish Nell Gwyn, and a sweet Grace Darling, wearing a real life-belt at her side.

The Original Group was led by Mrs. Sandford, who was awarded the prize for her costume as the L.C.C., well carried out, showing all branches and departments, while each and every part was tightly bound with red tape!

Miss Cazalet as a Paper Lamp Shade also was awarded a prize in this group, which besides included Kate Greenaway, a Shepherdess, a Puritan, a Gipsy, Carnival, Night, Folly, a dainty Tea-shop Girl, and others.

The judges were not given a difficult task when it came to the men's prizes, as only two had had the courage to appear in costume. Each was awarded a prize; Mr. Penn as a Japanese, and Mr. Robbins as a cricketer. The evening ended up very happily at 11.30 with the singing of the National Anthem.

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