

we are to have the world-famed 'Männerchor.' In the modern group we want a representative member in uniform from every country, and all who are to take part must be present at the rehearsal on the morning of August 4th.

"It is probable that blue and white will be the colours of the Congress, and that we shall make all the ribbons—embroidering the name of each country in white for the nurse members of the National Associations who will attend. All Congress visitors who take tickets for the whole Congress will get a rosette in the German colours.

"Then as to the programme for the meetings of the International Council to open at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 5th. There will be two sessions that day, so as not to carry over international business to Tuesday, and the Congress Sessions will begin on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Three sessions on Tuesday, 6th, and two on the 7th. An evening meeting is always a feature of our German Congresses—it is for the public at large, and there will be no discussion. The alteration has been made so that we can get in a Banquet on Wednesday evening, as you had in Paris and London—a fitting end to the professional sessions and discussions. Thursday and Friday will be given up to social functions."

Sister Karll asks that, as far as possible, nursing uniform may be worn on Sunday at the Pageant and *Conversazione*, as she much wants the German public to see its charming variety. She says in Germany they do not understand foreign nursing conditions, as they are used to nuns and deaconesses only—"the trained nurse in society is something quite new." At the Banquet she will be *en evidence*. Already a very long list of delegates and visitors has been notified at Headquarters at Berlin. From Great Britain we shall muster 100 at least. The names of official delegates are now nearly all in, and amongst our old friends we shall meet again with pleasure is Miss Take Hagiwara, sent with Miss Yao Yamamoto by the Japanese Red Cross Society from Tokyo; and Mrs. Reri Watatani, matron of the Mitsui Hospital at Tokyo, sent by Baron Mitsui. Large contingents of nurses from the majority of European countries have notified their intention of attending the Cologne Congress. The new Nursing School at St. John's Hospital, Brussels, will send Dr. Marcella and his wife, Mlle. Progneaux, Mlle. Méné Frey, and Mlle. Ranvy.

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT COLOGNE.

*Saturday, August 3rd.*—Opening of the Exhibition of Nursing and Social Work in the Marzel Gymnasium, 11.30 a.m.

*Sunday, 4th.*—Reception in the Güzernich, 7 p.m. A Pageant of German Nursing, "The Triumph of Hygeia," followed by a *Conversazione* in the Stapelhaus, 8 p.m.

*Monday, 5th.*—Festival of the Municipality of Cologne in the Floral Town Gardens, 5 p.m.

*Tuesday, 6th.*—*Conversazione* in the "Statwald" Town Woods, 8 p.m.

*Wednesday, 7th.*—Banquet at the Hôtel Disch.

*Thursday, 8th.*—Expedition by steamer up the Rhine to Kaiserswerth.

*Friday, 9th.*—Expedition to Ahrweiler, by invitation of Dr. von Ehrenwall, Medical Officer of Health. Tea in the woods. Tours and expeditions round Cologne and its environments.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the International Council, will entertain the Presidents of the various National Associations to dinner one evening, and Miss Breay, of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the doyen of professional nursing journals, will entertain the editors of the various official organs of National Associations who may be present.

Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary I.C.N., reports the application for affiliation from the New Zealand Nurses' Association, which is truly national, being composed of four branches—Wellington, Auckland, Canterbury, and Otago—of which Miss Hester Maclean, the Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Registrar, is President, and Miss Bicknell, of the Hospitals Department at Wellington, Hon. Secretary. No Association will be more warmly welcomed into the International Council than that of the Registered Nurses of New Zealand, who have been laying sure professional foundations since the Nursing Act came into force in 1901. Miss Sutherland and several other representatives will be present from New Zealand.

In response to the invitation issued by the National Council of Trained Nurses, the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses has appointed Miss Grafton to represent it at the Congress at Cologne.

The National Association of Midwives, and the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association have also decided to accept the invitation, and will nominate their representatives at an early date.

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