

President of the International, if elected, as acceptably and graciously as anyone in the American Nurses' Association.

Myself, I feel that our immense Pacific Coast, lying as it does half-way between the Orient and Western world, and being a land of woman enfranchisement, with nurses of magnificent spirit, enterprise and accomplishment, who just happen to be less known to international members because they are so far away, should be recognised as deserving the coming Presidency of our International Council, especially if the members elect to accept the invitation to meet in California in 1915."

Dr. Helen Criswell is both a nurse and medical graduate whose fame is by no means confined to the Western States of the Union. Her reputation throughout America stands for courageous public work not only for nurses, but for her sex and the community. This is the sort of record calculated to inspire confidence in a leader.

THE COLOGNE PAGEANT.

The Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., will be obliged if members who are prepared to take part in the Historical Procession in costume in the Nursing Pageant at Cologne, on the evening of August 4th, will communicate with her on the matter at once, so that a full list may be sent to Berlin by July 4th.

Miss Take Hagiwara has been invited to impersonate the great Japanese Empress in the Pageant who nursed lepers 1,000 years ago. No figure will be more interesting in the whole Procession.

THE TRAINED WOMEN NURSES' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Miss Mollett has been in London during the past week, being fully occupied with work in connection with the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society. A large number of enquiries and applications are being received daily, and there appears no reason why the movement should not be thoroughly successful if trained nurses give sufficient support.

At the meeting of the Provisional Committee last week Miss Amy Hughes retired upon the nomination of a list of officers and others to form a permanent committee—should the Society be approved by the Insurance Commissioners. Mr. D. F. Pennant, Hon. Secretary

of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, has become one of the three Trustees for the Pension Fund Insurance Scheme "for Nurses," which insures persons in attendance on the sick "whether trained or untrained," and which therefore does not appear to have any particular *raison d'être* as far as professional nurses are concerned.

NURSES' REGISTRATION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Dr. Chapple gave notice in the House of Commons, on Tuesday, that he would ask the following question on Wednesday. Unfortunately we shall have gone to press before the Prime Minister gives his reply; so nurses must look out for it in the daily papers:

Dr. Chapple,—To ask the Prime Minister, whether his attention has been called to the fact that the Nurses' Registration Bill is now supported by the British Medical Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Fever Nurses Association, the Scottish Nurses' Association, the Association for the Promotion of Registration of Nurses in Scotland, and the Irish Nurses' Association, and that Acts providing for the State registration of nurses have been passed in South Africa, in Queensland, in New Zealand, in Ontario, in 34 of the states in the American Union, in Germany, and in Belgium; and whether, in view of the necessity for the protection of the sick from unqualified nursing which assumes to be qualified, he will give facilities for the passage of the Bill already passed by the House of Lords or some other.

SURGICAL OUTFITS FOR PRIVATE CASES.

Miss Hephzibah Walker, Superintendent of the South Kensington Trained Nurses' Co-operation, 41, Alfred Place West, S.W., was at home on Tuesday afternoon last, not only to her own nurses, but to a number of professional visitors, who gladly availed themselves of the opportunity to see the very complete arrangements she has made for equipping the members of her staff summoned to operation cases with all the necessary appliances, dressings and nursing requisites at the shortest notice.

First, Miss Walker has installed in a room specially built for the purpose a steriliser capable of sterilising everything required for a major operation by high pressure saturated steam at a temperature of 250 degs. F., with 15 lb. pressure

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