

green and carrying crimson roses, filed past, a brave array, with banners and emblems, each pausing to offer to Hygeia a crimson rose and then place it in a bowl at her feet. Many of our old friends were there—Phoebe of Cenchrea (Miss B. Kent); Queen Philippa of Hainault (Mrs. Manson), magnificent and resplendent in jewelled crown and gorgeous robes; an Augustian Choir Sister (Miss Macvitie); heroic Jeanne Mance of Canada (Miss de Braisay); Elizabeth Fry (Miss Elma Smith); a Sister Rahere in the middle of the 19th century (Miss C. Lee), and others.

Added to these must be mentioned the holy Hildegardis (Miss Sophie von Ehrenwall), who lived about 1150 A.D., and joined a Sisterhood in a nunnery on the Rhine; she had prophetic vision and was able to foretell the future; the holy Gertrandis, who lived between 500 and 600 A.D. (Sister Clara Weidmann) and succoured those travelling from place to place in search of work. Alyke von Tumpling (1380 A.D.), represented by her namesake and descendant, a member of the German Nurses' Association, who lived at Thüringen, in conjunction with her husband founded and endowed a hospital named Brüder Spital at Jena, for twelve old and infirm persons, which still exists. Another interesting personality was the Princess Elizabeth, who, in the religious war in 1552, took care of wounded and exiled persons in her own castle at personal risk to herself.

The modern nurses included Miss Hunter, Miss Burr, Miss Lee Smith, and others, bearing the banner of their various Leagues, and Miss Barton in the uniform of a Matron of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, which she had official permission to wear, with instructions to place a band of crepe on the left arm as mourning for the Emperor of Japan; and Miss Breay, with a crimson plume denoting her connection with THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and the professional nursing Press.

The Pageant over, dainty refreshments were most hospitably served, and then those present dispersed, with all gratitude to those who had spared neither time, pains, or expense to make the evening one never to be forgotten, most especially to the renowned lady artist who designed the pictures and acted as stage manager—Fraulein Alexe Altenkirch.

### THE MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The triennial meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses was held in the Gürzenich on Monday last. Sister

Agnes Karll presided. We shall give a full account of the proceedings later. We have now only space to publish the Watchword and to say that a cordial invitation was received from the Californian Nurses' Association for the Council to meet in San Francisco in 1915. The Officers and Delegates unanimously decided to accept the invitation, which was warmly supported by the Delegates of the American Nurses' Association present. On the proposition of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, it was decided to send the thanks of the Council to the Californian nurses for their gracious invitation. The place of meeting having been decided upon, it was unanimously agreed to invite Miss Annie W. Goodrich, who has held the highest positions in the National Association of American Nurses, to become the President of the Council, and to cable the invitation, in the hope that the answer may be received during the Congress week.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously:—

#### RESOLUTIONS.

##### STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Whereas the experience of those countries where State Registration for Nurses has been put in force shows that the State regulation and control of nursing education, by setting a standard of genuine and uniform professional training for the nurse, is wholly in the best interests of the sick and helpless, therefore be it

Resolved—

That this meeting emphatically endorses the movement for State Registration of Nurses, expresses its satisfaction with those Governments that have enacted Registration Acts, and calls upon those Governments that have so far denied this obviously just demand of nurses and of public bodies to reverse their attitude of inaction and to legislate in protection of the sick against fraudulent and incompetent nursing care.

##### WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

In the belief that the highest purposes of civilisation and the truest blessings to the race can only be attained by the equal and united labours of men and women possessing equal and unabridged political powers, we declare our adherence to the principle of woman suffrage and regard the suffrage movement as a great moral movement making for the conquest of misery, preventable illness, and vice, and as strengthening a feeling of human brotherhood.

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