

Basle, numbering as members, in all, 824 women and 39 men.

We stand in the midst of our work, and can already look back on much that has been successfully accomplished. If in doing that which lies nearest to us, we are trying to fulfil the tasks imposed on us by the conditions and needs of Switzerland, we look out, at the same time, upon the aims of the International Council of Nurses. We rejoice in its growth and in its results, and are grateful to it for its pioneer work and its manifold inspirations, which have benefited nurses everywhere.

SPEECH IN HONOUR OF THE DEAD.

The President said that in no period since the foundation of the Council had it suffered such heavy bereavement as during the last three years. It had lost through death in England Miss Isla Stewart, one of its foundation members, whose great services to the nursing profession needed no emphasis. In the United States of America Mrs. Hampton Robb, who had done such wonderful work as a pioneer, was killed by a most tragic accident in a few moments. In Ireland, Mrs. Kildare Treacy—who was one of the delegates nominated by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to that meeting—had passed away, after a short illness. In India, Miss J. W. Thorpe, who had done so much to organize nurses there, had been accidentally killed; and in France the Council had to record with sorrow the sudden death of Dr. Louis Lande, of Bordeaux, who had taken the greatest interest in the work of the International Council of Nurses, and had intimated his intention of attending the Cologne Congress.

"We shall never," said Sister Karll, "forget these true friends, but for ever cherish their memory in the International Council of Nurses."

During this period also the great founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, had passed away.

The whole audience thereupon rose, and remained standing while Dr. Franke played on the organ a beautiful chorale from Bach's Passion Music, in which the plaintive melody, constantly recurring, was instinct with tender memories of the departed.

SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING PLACE.

Miss Dock reported that the Council had been invited by the far Western States of America to meet in San Francisco in 1915, and a cordial invitation was extended by the Californian Nurses' Association. The National Association of American Nurses had also been invited to

meet there at the same time, and she had the honour to place in the hands of the meeting the invitation of American nurses.

Sister Karll said that three of the meetings of the International Council had been held in Europe, but its interests were worldwide, and its meetings must be held in both hemispheres.

Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that British, American, and German nurses had founded the Council and made it a success, and it was high time that it had an American President. She moved that the gracious invitation of the Californian nurses be accepted.

Miss Dock said that they would not be able to provide a sumptuous background, but there were some things they would be able to show their visitors—i.e., State Registered Nurses voting for the election of the President of the United States!

The President announced by cablegram: "Greetings from Californian Nurses' Association. Welcome to California in 1915." In accepting the invitation a hearty vote of thanks for their courtesy was sent to the Californian Nurses.

THE PANAMA-PACIFIC UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION.

The following official invitation was also received:—

The President and Directors of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition, to be held in San Francisco in 1915, have the honour to extend to the International Congress of Nurses a cordial invitation to hold its 1915 meeting in San Francisco.

The City has been selected by Congress, with the approval of the President of the United States, as the official site for celebrating the uniting of the waters of the Pacific and the Atlantic through the Panama Canal, the greatest physical accomplishment achieved by man.

The Exposition will only attempt to show that which is most advanced in Invention, most interesting in Art, and of greatest scientific value, embracing all that is important in the material progress of the world; but it will be the aim of the Directors to make this rank in intellectual interest above all previous expositions, and to bring together so much of wisdom, so much of practical scientific thought, and so much of broad grasp of the world's important problems, that the progress of mankind shall be advanced by a quarter of a century.

To assist in achieving this aim, we invite your presence in the City of San Francisco, in the year, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

The invitation is signed by the President of the University of California, and other officers.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

It was announced that the Executive Committee had nominated Miss A. W. Goodrich,

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