

greatly struck by the balance, serenity and womanliness of all the participants in this Congress of nurses, and by the union of sweetness and strength displayed as one by one came forward, unconscious of self, intent upon her subject. He wishes that more physicians and hospital directors might have been present to be enlightened, and believes that those who were there can only feel wholly friendly and helpful to nursing reforms. To him Mrs. Fenwick's beautiful watchword seemed to illuminate the whole never-to-be-forgotten week.

### WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO.

The International Council of Nurses will receive a warm welcome when it meets in San Francisco in 1915. In addition to the cordial invitations extended by the President and Directors of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition and the Californian Nurses' Association, Miss Dock has received the following kind letter from Mrs. F. G. Sambon, President of the Woman's Board of the Exposition:—

"Will you be kind enough to present to the International Council of Nurses the invitation of the Woman's Board of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to hold the convention of 1915 in the city of San Francisco.

"The women of California will be pleased to greet the fine, earnest women of your profession during the Exposition, and to do everything possible for their comfort and pleasure."

### THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

#### MISS ANNIE W. GOODRICH, R.N.

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, State Inspector of Nurse Training Schools, New York, has had an interesting and unusual career. Born in Hartford, Conn., she was educated partly in America and partly in England, where her family lived for some years. She was trained at the New York Hospital, and during the twenty years since her graduation has filled successively, and with a high measure of success in each, five of the most important posts in hospitals and in nursing in New York. Her first appointment after graduation was that of Superintendent of Nursing at the Post Graduate Hospital, and into this first charge she threw herself with great energy and zeal, bringing about much-needed improvements, not only in the nursing but in the domestic departments, both of which were under her control, and making such an excellent record that she attracted the attention of the authorities of St. Luke's Hospital, and, upon a vacancy arising there, she was appointed

Superintendent of Nurses of that school, one of the larger and more important in New York. Here she remained but a few years, doing admirable work and steadily increasing in strength, and so adding to her reputation for ability that, when a vacancy arose in the school from which she graduated, the governors of the New York Hospital invited her to return to fill the office of Superintendent of Nurses in her own school. Accepting the position only upon condition that certain changes in the administration of the training school should be made, and that authority in the nursing department should be more largely centred in its own responsible head, Miss Goodrich wrought here notable advances—established an excellent preparatory course, enlarged the administrative and teaching staffs of the school, secured a Training School Committee on the Governing Board, and established scholarships. She brought a new activity into the life of the school, and also entered more largely into public nursing work. From here, after four years, she was called to assume the very heavy responsibility of General Superintendent of the three training schools attached to Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, in many respects one of the most important and difficult posts in nursing in the United States. Bellevue is a large municipal hospital of over 1,200 beds, calling for a very large nursing staff, and it offered a congenial field for the tireless energy which has ever prompted Miss Goodrich to accept difficult tasks. Much could be written of her work during the four or five years of her occupancy of the post at Bellevue, but that must be kept for a later date, and it is only possible to mention here the establishment and maintenance of a large salaried graduate staff—an unusual feature in any hospital. Through this staff the dependence of the hospital upon the pupils of the school was in some degree limited, and thus the number of pupils required for work was in proportion limited. The significance of this effort will be understood by those who know the difficulty existing everywhere to-day in securing enough properly qualified candidates to enter nurses' training schools. When, upon Miss Alline's resignation, the request came from the Education Department at Albany urging Miss Goodrich to accept the position of Inspector of Training Schools, those who know her best know how she shrank from attacking a new and extraordinarily difficult problem. But, believing that her wide experience in several different types of hospitals and training schools, and her intimate knowledge of nursing affairs, had given her a preparation which it was her duty to utilise, she undertook finally

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