

seen in the work of the International Council of Nurses—in time to be composed, we hope, of the delegates of national associations from every civilized country in the world.

The decisions arrived at in general assembly by a body of nurses so constituted, and representative of all shades of opinion, must necessarily receive consideration and respect. Ultimately no doubt the International Council of Nurses will become the deliberative assembly, and supreme court of appeal of the nursing world.

The movement has surprising vitality. In thirteen years the International Federation will be composed of the nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, Germany, Canada, Holland, Denmark, Finland, India, and New Zealand in the precedence in which they have affiliated. Its inspiration has, however, gone far, far further afield. The Cologne Congress will be attended by fraternal delegates from Australasia, Africa, and Japan, France, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Belgium, and Sweden.

Is it not wonderful?

Now I know why, though not how it was I sat alone all those hours waiting for the coming of one of the world's most spiritual teachers—May Wright Sewall—on that summer's morning in Chicago—so many years ago.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

Sister Agnes Karll, the President of the International Council of Nurses, who, in her official capacity, will give the Address of Welcome to the delegates and members, and preside over its General Assembly at the Triennial Meeting in Cologne, is one of the best known and beloved of the officers of the Council, and when those for the present triennial period were elected, at its last meeting in London, it was felt that no more acceptable President could be found than Sister Agnes Karll, who, on intimating her willingness to accept office, was unanimously elected.

Sister Karll has the gifts necessary in the leader of a great movement which touches intimately the very difficult question of the status of women and their educational and economic conditions. She possesses in a singular degree personal charm, intellectual ability, courage, singleness and tenacity of purpose, and that unerring love of truth produc-

tive of personal loyalty, and the power of self-sacrifice. These gifts have been patriotically devoted to the formation and consolidation of the German Nurses' Association, of which she is the President, formed for the purpose of organizing German nurses on a professional basis with the object

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