

A BEAUTIFUL ENSEMBLE.

Our Hon. Secretary, Miss L. L. Dock, writes from Cologne:—"It is a revelation to see how widespread and intent an interest is being taken in our Congress by the people of Cologne, and especially the women. They have raised a prodigious sum of money for the preliminary work and various expenses connected with the meetings, and are so enthusiastic over it all. They are taking the greatest pains over the production of the Pageant and throwing themselves into its details as earnestly as if it were their own lifework. The Pageant, I suppose you know, will be differently represented here from in England. There is not the necessity of making it here a plea for State Registration, as that is attained. And there is no real stage in the Gürzenich; the Pageant will therefore be modified as a series of living pictures, in which artists, musicians, and poets are helping to produce a beautiful *ensemble*. The interesting thing is that circles which are usually divided from one another by politics, religion, or point of view are all equally interested in the Nursing Congress, and are united like old friends on making things pleasant for the visiting nurses."

THE GERMAN DELEGATES.

SISTER EDITH KOEHLER.

Sister Edith Koehler was trained at the Victoria House, Berlin, the first Training School for Nurses in that city, which was founded by the Empress Frederick. Sister Koehler has devoted the whole of her life-work to the service of the Berlin Municipal Hospitals, and has been the reformer of the Moabit Hospital, where she has acted as Lady Superintendent for the last ten years, so that it now has the reputation of being one of the best training schools for nurses in Germany.

The whole staff of the hospital joined the German Nurses' Association after the nurses had an object lesson in the meaning of organization from the medical staff, who were united against them in one of those trying incidents which occur from time to time in hospital life.

Sister Koehler was elected on to the Board of the German Nurses' Association in 1911, an appointment which has given the staff of the Moabit Hospital much pleasure, and the authorities of the hospital have recognized her able work by sending her, with one of her charge nurses, as an official delegate to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne.

SISTER MAIDA LÜBBEN.

Sister Maida Lübben was trained as a member of the Diaconie-Verein in the Municipal Hospital at Erfurt, and afterwards had some experience of private nursing and in private nursing institutions. She is one of the thirty nurses who founded the German Nurses' Association, and has served on its Governing Board. She was also one of the first members of the nursing staff appointed in Berlin in connection with the preventive work in tuberculosis. When, after more than seven years' work, she gave this up, she joined the staff of the German Nurses' Association, and is now at the head of it as Vice-President of the Society.

She had exceptional opportunities of being grounded in statistical work, as from her sixteenth year she was the right-hand of her father, a governmental doctor, who was concerned with much work of this character, and whose early death is greatly

lamented. At the present time nurses who have organizing ability, and gifts for office and statistical work, can utilize them to great advantage in connection with their professional associations. They probably render greater service to the sick by helping in the organization of their profession as a whole than by caring for individual cases.

Sister Maida Lübben is responsible for the calculations and summary of statistics as to the health of the 2,500 nurses of the German Nurses' Association embodied in a diagram for the Hygiene Exhibition at Dresden, and which will be on view in Cologne. She is one of the greatest bulwarks of the German Nurses' Association.



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