

COLOGNE, 1912.

Sister Agnes Karll will be in Cologne from the 20th inst., and all communications may be sent to her at Baseler Hof, Hermannstrasse 17-19, Cologne. All vouchers sent to the Central Office of the N.C.N. have been forwarded to her at Berlin, and she writes that they will be most helpful in arranging tickets, ribbons, badges, invitations, &c., for the forthcoming Congress.

DISTINGUISHING BADGES.

Sister Karll has arranged for the following badges and ribbons to be worn, so that the nationality and societies of those present at the Congress can be readily distinguished:—

Past Presidents, Councillors, and Official Delegates I.C.N.—Enamel Bar (as in 1909) in blue and silver, with white ribbon and blue inscription—*Weltbund der Krankenpflegerinnen*. White brassard, with name of country in blue, I.C.N. in gold. Congress rosette in the German colours.

Members of the International Council of Nurses through affiliated National Associations, such as the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland (all members of the 16 constituent societies).—White brassard, with name of country in blue, I.C.N. in gold. Congress rosette in the German colours.

Nurses who are not members of the I.C.N. through national affiliation.—White brassard, with name of country in blue (omitting I.C.N. in gold), and the Congress rosette in the German colours.

Guests who are not nurses will have the Congress rosette in the German colours.

Sister Agnes Karll sends a long list of the names of delegates and representatives from many countries who have notified that they will attend the Congress. "Belgium," she writes, "will send the most fraternal delegates, amongst them Dr. Maurice Peremans. He is sent by the authorities of Anvers, and is in charge of the Stuyvenberg Hospital—a teacher at the nursing school—his wife will also attend." We remember how charming were the Belgians who came to London in 1909, amongst them Madame la Comtesse Jean de Merode, Mademoiselle la Comtesse Albertine de Villegas de Saint Pierre, and Dr. Van Swietan, and it is delightful to think we are to meet them all again.

The best news of all is that at last we shall have fraternal delegates from Austria, as little organization has been possible there at present.

Professor Von Pirquet, from the University Children's Clinic in Vienna, is sending the Charge Nurse, Sister Hedwig Brezina, and her Assistant, Sister Poldi Vogt. In accepting Sister Karll's invitation, the eminent Professor informs her how very happy he is to do so, and he thinks it "very precious that his nurses may work hand in hand with us, and get our advice in all the important nursing questions. I hope," adds Sister Karll, "this may mean a new era in Austrian nursing."

Miss J. C. Van Lanschot Hubrecht has been elected President of Nosokomos (the Dutch Nurses' Association). Congratulations!

Miss A. Nutting, Teachers' College; Miss Anna Maxwell, Presbyterian Hospital, New York; Miss Helen Kelly, County Hospital, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, are three of the official delegates who are to represent the American Nurses' Association. Owing to illness we fear the newly elected President, Miss Sarah E. Sly, will be unable to attend. Miss L. L. Dock is now in Europe.

Next week we hope to publish a preliminary list of names of the delegates and fraternal delegates who will attend the Congress.

Miss Mollett has extended her party to 56, but not another application can she now entertain. The party leaves Charing Cross Station at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, and arrives late at night at Cologne. Rooms have been secured in three of the best hotels—the Disch, the Nord, and the Metropole. Members of the party have been invited to sup at 2, Portland Place on the previous evening, Friday, 2nd, by Mrs. Walter Spencer—a delightful way of becoming known to one another; and Miss Mollett invites all her flock to be at the station soon after 8 a.m., so that there will be no hurry in starting.

Other parties and individuals are going direct from England, Scotland, and Ireland by the most convenient routes. Altogether we hope to muster 100 matrons and nurses, and a few of their friends.

The President of the National Council of Nurses, Great Britain and Ireland, hopes that matrons and nurses attending the Congress will wear the Orders and distinguishing Badges conferred upon them, and that the Banners of the associate societies will be borne in the Historic Procession at the Pageant on August 4th in the Gürzenich.

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