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# THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

Miss L. L. Dock has placed the arrangements for the trip to and from San Francisco to the Triennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Nursing Congress in 1915 in the hands of the Frank Tourist Company, which is a very representative and able organization, in touch with all the leading American and foreign railroad and steamship lines, and which has corresponding offices in London, Preston, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The Mr. Frank who has our affairs in hand has a sister a nurse, and is prepared to take no end of personal trouble on our behalf. The Itinerary submitted by the Frank Company would provide for a most delightful tour from Liverpool to Montreal by steamer, and a ninedays' sightseeing tour by rail to the Congress, sleeping in the car and spending the days seeing wonders all the time, beginning with Niagara. The return journey by another route would be equally fascinating, including wonderful Washington and Mount Vernon at the end of our travels.

Miss Dock writes: "For the land trip we will charter either a car or a whole train. The 'tourist' sleeping-cars are very nice if you have only your own people on board. There is accommodation for light cooking. This is a great saving of expense. I think this is quite hopeful."

In our Silver Jubilee Number, to be issued on the 19th inst., we hope to give some idea of the cost of this trip and the routes proposed. As soon as the Dublin Conference is over, a sub-committee of the National Council of Nurses will be formed to organize the whole trip to San Francisco and back; so that the cost may be curtailed by co-operation, as much as is consistent with comfort. The suggestion to go by Canada and get a glimpse of its glories, and back through the magnificent centre of the United States, will, we feel sure, commend itself to those who want their money's worth.

#### OUR SILVER JUBILEE NUMBER.

In our forthcoming issue on the 19th we ask our readers to study carefully the particulars of the Itinerary to the International Congress, and help to make it known throughout the nursing world by ordering extra copies (see advertisement, page xii), and forwarding them to all nurses and others likely to be interested in the great international movement. We are pleased to note in the last issue of *The Canadian Nurse* that the members of the Alumnæ Association of the Winnipeg General Hospital are thoroughly alive to the importance of co-operation, and they have already discussed the question : "Should there not be a large representation of members at the Triennial Conference of Nurses to be held at San Francisco in 1915?" "If every Association of Nurses," advises the *Canadian Nurse*, "will plan, and *early*, that the plans may be mature, to contribute its quota to the Congress of 1915, the help and inspiration to nurses all over the world will be inestimable. In no other way can the Congress accomplish all its desires."

Our Canadian cousins can meet us at Montreal, " and so, so together we go," as the fairy tale has it.

### THE PREMIER AND NURSES' REGISTRATION.

The Prime Minister, in reply to a request from Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., has stated that he will be very glad to receive a deputation from the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, in support of the Bill now before Parliament.

The text of the Nurses' Registration Bill, the object of which is to regulate the qualifications of trained nurses, and to provide for their registration, has been printed and circulated as a Parliamentary Paper. The Memorandum agreed to recently as a preface to the Bill, by the Executive Committee of the Central Committee for Nurses' Registration, was considered somewhat too argumentative by the Clerksso it was slightly reshaped by Mr. Munro Ferguson, and in this form will be found attached to the Nurses' Registration Bill, which can be obtained from Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Oliver & Boyd, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin, price 2d.

# THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland was held on March 26th in the Christian Institute, Glasgow. There was a large attendance. Lord Inverclyde, President, occupied the chair, and among those present were Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, Professor Glaister,



