

land-locked waters so vast that all the navies of the world might anchor there at one time! A bay along whose western park front breaks, in eternal diapason, the Pacific Ocean, sweeping in from China and Japan; which has on its north the Golden Gate, whose south suburbs present long miles of palaces and gardens, to the east agricultural lands vying in richness with the valley of the Nile, and across the bay to the north, range for mile after mile of beautiful villas, vineclad and rose-gardened. A land of sunshine and of abundance, of gorgeous fruits, and riotous flowers.

Where the climate is an Eden,
Where the Winter is a Spring,
Where the Summer is eternal,
And the birds for ever sing.

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Here the moon flings down her silver,
And the sun flings down his gold;
With the gems still in the water
Where the stars fell down of old.
When the sun sinks in the ocean,
Like a monster burnished plate,
You behold the God of Glory
Closing up the Golden Gate.

The Panama Pacific International Exposition will open at San Francisco on February 20th and close on December 4th, 1915, and the Nurses of the World have planned to hold their International Congress there early in June of that year. From Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australasia they will forgather in America, and two years' time is not overmuch in which to carry out all the arrangements for so universal a meeting.

Next week we shall touch on the return route suggested for the I.C.N., which would be equally if not more delightful than the outward journey. Then, don't forget it, there are eleven alternate routes from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We shall mention them.

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THE DUBLIN CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

In an early issue we hope to be able to publish the entire Programme of the Nursing Conference and Exhibition and the details of its social side, to be held in Dublin from June 3rd to 6th, which are still under consideration; but that our Irish sisters are busy and full of plans for its success is evident by the arrangements already made.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, the Irish Nurses' Association are holding a Reception in the College of Surgeons, at 8.30 p.m. A large number of guests are to be invited, including all members of the

Conference. We know how genial and hospitable is the Irish nation, so anticipate a delightful welcome. We learn that a lovely Hygeia and a procession of early nursing explorers, pioneers and saints are to appear at this reception, taken from the programme of the Nursing Pageant held in London, and that full tableaux are to be presented at the Abbey Theatre on the following night, arranged by some of the best amateur actors in Dublin, who find themselves immensely interested in their organization. Of beauty and talent there is an abundance in the Emerald Isle, so these living pictures should be well worth seeing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH.—MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses, will preside at the opening session of the Congress at 9.45 a.m., in the Royal College of Physicians, where the Conference will be held, when Miss Huxley, President of the Irish Nurses' Association, will give the Address of Welcome. Nursing Education will be the subject of the Session. Miss Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, will present the first paper on "The Preliminary Training of Probationers," working most successfully at Guy's. Miss B. Cutler will speak on "Reciprocal Hospital Training" as introduced by the late Miss Isla Stewart at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss Musson, Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, will put forward suggestions for "Post-Graduate Teaching for Trained Nurses." To every group of papers there is to be an arranged Opener of Discussion, and Miss Cunningham, Matron of the Stillorgan Convalescent Home, will speak first on the educational question.

From 12.30 to 2 each day there will be an interval for luncheon, and no doubt many happy little parties will assemble.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon sessions will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., two being held concurrently. Miss Shuter will preside over the Session on Massage Training and Education, when Dr. Florence Barrie Lambert, of the Charing Cross and Royal Free Hospitals, will speak on "The Training of the Masseuse," and Mrs. Hoghton Stewart, of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, on "Professional Ideals with regard to Massage Workers." Miss L. Despard, of Monkstown, will open the discussion.

At the same time a Session on "Physical Degeneration" will be held, over which Miss Butler, Matron of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, will preside. "Black Plague, or Venereal Disease" is the title given by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick to what will be, we feel sure, one of the most important contributions to the Conference. Mr. Henry Moore, surgeon to the Westmorland Lock Hospital, Dublin, will present a paper on "The Work of the Trained Nurse as a remedial agent in connection with Venereal Disease," and Dr. Marian Andrews, of Belfast, will open the discussion.

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