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EDITORIAL.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES' CONFERENCE.

It is with much gratification we are able to announce, in connection with the decision of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to hold an Annual Conference, that, on the invitation of the Irish Nurses Association, which is affiliated to the National Council, the first of these Conferences will be held in Dublin on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

The Executive Committee of the National Council which will be in close touch with the Irish Nurses Association will meet shortly to discuss the arrangements, and, meanwhile, we hope that many members of affiliated societies will plan to attend the Conference, and that they will consider what contribution they can make towards its success—through papers on professional subjects as invited speakers, by participating in debates, and in other ways open to them.

Those who have never visited the Emerald Isle may be assured with confidence that the occasion is one not to be missed. Dublin is a city famed for the beauty of its surroundings, the dignity of its public buildings, the literary perception of its citizens, the efficiency of its hospitals, and the professional appearance of its nurses, and we may be sure that their invitation to the nurses of the Sister Kingdoms, to visit their historic capital, will be associated with the sincere welcome which springs so spontaneously and delightfully from warm Irish hearts, the possession of which gains for our versatile and talented Celtic colleagues widespread affection, in addition to respect and admiration for their many gifts, of brain, tongue, hand and pen.

The object of a Nursing Conference is not merely to hear and discuss papers on professional subjects; we miss much of its benefit if we do not capture the professional spirit, the unity, the camaraderie which have been so distinguishing and delightful a feature of the Congresses of the International Council, and which we may confidently hope will be repeated in those now to be inaugurated by the National Council. For the spirit of our great central organization has penetrated to its affiliated societies, and we have the common bond of aspiration for that "full development of the human being and citizen in every nurse, which shall best enable her to bring her professional knowledge and skill to the many-sided service that modern society demands of her." How to accomplish this high aim is the problem which nurses, inspired by professional ideals, set themselves to solve when they meet together in conference, and in the discussion of which they are mutually helpful to one another, and to the public, whom they desire to serve with the best abilities they possess. Few nurses can attend a professional gathering of this kind without realizing how much they have gained thereby.

Such conferences, then, are a joy and inspiration, and the meeting with kindred spirits, inspired by the same ideals, a delight which few, who have once experienced it, would willingly forego. They offer opportunities for making life-long friendships, and, indeed, are red letter days in the difficult years in which we toil towards the goal we have set before us, often in lonely outposts where we have not the support and strength which association brings. We are confident, therefore, that every member of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will do her part to help to make its first Annual Conference a brilliant success.

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