

SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

Dr. Helen Parker Criswell (who has both medical and nursing qualifications), the very able Chairman of the Californian Committee of Arrangements for the International Council Meeting at San Francisco in 1915, has recently paid a flying visit to London, and has now left for the Continent. During her stay here she consulted the President of our National Council concerning many details of organization in connection with it, preparatory to meeting the International Officers and Committee in New York upon her return to America.

It is hoped the date of the Meeting may be Monday, June 2nd, 1915. Precedent will be followed as to the conduct of the business of the International Council on that day, and the Congress and social functions will occupy the rest of the week.

Dr. Parker Criswell, who is a very handsome and charming woman, says: "The Californian nurses are just brimming over with enthusiastic anticipation concerning all that pertains to the success of the gathering, and indeed there is no end to the hospitality they are anxious to offer by way of welcome to the International Council. Also the Exposition authorities are offering every facility for making the occasion a great success. One day they will have publicly announced as 'Trained Nurses' Day,' and in the beautiful Californian Building nurses are to be welcome all the time."

Dr. Criswell has many suggestions to offer, which will be laid before our National Council Meeting on the 27th, when an opportunity will arise for discussion. For instance, what part we are prepared to take in the proposed Nursing Exhibition, and what, if any, subjects should we like placed upon the programme of the Congress for discussion.

One thing is quite certain, and that is, that so far as it lies in our power, our Council will be eager to help make "San Francisco, 1915," as wonderfully successful as all preceding meetings of the International Council of Nurses, and we may be relied upon to appreciate the hospitable spirit which animates the invitation of our American colleagues, and warmly to respond to it. We only regret that Dr. Parker Criswell is unable to be with us on the 27th inst., so that all might realise the heartfelt kindness and goodwill which appears to permeate her whole personality where her fellow-nurses are concerned.

Two Matrons have kindly offered hospitality to country members on the 27th, if such is required please communicate with the Hon.

Secretary, N.C.T.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

As several nurses have asked if they may attend the Meeting of the National Council of Nurses on the 27th inst. who have a right to do so, may we once more state that the members of all Leagues and Societies affiliated to the National Council are members of it, and can be present at all the meetings, which begin at 11 a.m. at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. Tickets for luncheon so kindly offered by Mrs. Spencer can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, N.C.T.N., 431, Oxford Street, W.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE DEMANDS ON MODERN WOMANHOOD.

In her lecture on the subject, "Christianity and the demands on modern womanhood," Miss Zoë Fairfield began with a general description of the Woman's Movement, which she explained as something bigger than and apart from the question of suffrage, in fact, a worldwide demand for a fuller life and for fuller opportunities for service. She then dealt with four features of the modern demand.

(1) *The Social Unrest.*—The woman's movement is largely a social movement, a protest against social evil. In many ways the social problem presses far more heavily upon women than upon men, as for instance in the matter of wages. In a nurse's work she must meet with the awful results in the cruel wreck of life. In this matter there are three great needs. First, all women should care. Secondly, the women in the easier places should be made to realise their responsibilities, and here perhaps nurses could help. Thirdly, the redemptive work must be done, and to this a nurse can give herself. In such work all should take care not to get accustomed to evil, not to give up hope, and always to remember that the root of it all is sin.

(2) *The Missionary Aspect.*—The women of India, China, and Japan are awakening, and are examining carefully the ideals of Christendom. This makes it immeasurably important for missionary women to be all-round, true women. In this connection the missionary nurse has a great opportunity of showing by life and example what others preach.

(3) *The Ethical Unrest.*—Women are asking to be allowed to make their own standards, and not to have to adopt another's. There is also much intellectual questioning; but above

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