

## SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

First of all, the news that Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, is on the high seas, and will be in England in a few days, will be hailed with delight by her many friends on this side, who hold her in warmest affection.

Just before sailing, Miss Dock sent for publication the following information:—The meetings recently held in New York by the organizers of the forthcoming meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and of the Nursing Congress and Exhibition to be held during the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915, have agreed upon a preliminary programme.

The date of the Nursing Congress is set for *May 31st to June 6th*.

*Sunday, May 30th*, there will be an informal Reception of Delegates.

*Monday, May 31st*, is to be International Day, when the business sessions, including affiliation ceremonies, introduction of delegates, &c., take place.

*June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd*—Congress Days—the meetings of which will necessarily have to be held in sections, because of the great mass of subjects to treat.

### EDUCATION DAY.

*Wednesday, June 2nd*, is to be Education Day, and it is to be held at Berkeley, the seat of the University of California, where there is a very beautiful outdoor theatre, after a Greek model. The proceedings will be held in this theatre, and a great feature will be made of the Gifts and Offerings to the Florence Nightingale Educational Memorial. Everything is to be most beautiful and impressive. Nurses will bring their gifts and lay them on a sort of altar in the central space. They can wear uniform, and will be asked to carry banners showing their Country, State, and Hospital. This ceremony is to be the American substitute for a pageant—which they do not think could be made so interesting, as they have no specially national historic background, as the European countries have, and they do not wish to imitate what has been so well done in England, Germany, and Ireland. The affiliated countries feel quite secure in leaving the staging of this unique ceremony to their American colleagues. It is sure to be fresh, vigorous, and inspiring.

*Thursday, June 3rd*.—A great International Banquet will be held on the evening of this day.

### VALUABLE PRIZES AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Miss J. A. Delano, the Superintendent of Red Cross Nursing in America, has offered two Prizes, one of £20 and one of £10, for the best and the second best invention by a nurse, to be exhibited at San Francisco. We hope to publish the rules for this Competition at an early date, and also hope the inventive genius of British nurses will be spurred to compete and carry off at least one of these valuable prizes. All official information concerning the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at San Francisco is published in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, of which it is an official organ.

### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Annual Meeting of the London Branch will be held on February 7th at the Institute of Hygiene, 34, Devonshire Street, at 3 p.m. Tea 4.15. In the Chair, Miss Haughton, Metron Guy's Hospital. Will any member of the Union in London who does not receive an invitation kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec. London Branch N.U.T.N., 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster, as owing to the reorganisation of the London Branch and change of address, it is possible that some of the members may not receive a notice.

#### SOMERSET AND BRISTOL DIVISION.

The Branches in the Somerset and Bristol Division of the N.U.T.N. have lately been busy holding their annual meetings, and electing their committees and officers for the year.

The Minehead Branch held a meeting on January 15th. Miss Sewart, 10, Middle Street, Taunton, was elected Branch Secretary.

Meetings were held at Taunton and Wells on January 19th. At the Taunton meeting Mr. Minns gave a lecture on "Pathological Bacteria," illustrated by microscopical specimens. Mrs. Channell, Henlade, Taunton, was elected secretary for this Branch. Miss Pye, Central Secretary, gave an interesting address at the Wells meeting, and Miss Oates, Pigeon's Close, Street, Somerset, was elected Branch Secretary.

The Weston and Bristol Branches held their meetings on January 20th. At the Weston meeting Dr. Vickery read a valuable paper on "Acute Rheumatism and its Complications," and Mrs. Gibbs, Kirk Ella, Weston-super-Mare, was elected Branch Secretary.

Miss Eden and Miss Pye were both present at the Bristol meeting, and the latter gave a very helpful address on the aims and scope of the Union. Mrs. Fortescue Brickdale, 52, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, was elected Branch Secretary. The members were interested in seeing the N.U.T.N. Health posters which were on view, and also in some pieces of old needlework, and Miss Alexander's collection of baby dolls, dressed in baby garments of various countries, which were kindly lent for the occasion.

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