

and hygiene is gone through. The fact that so many patients are mentally defective creates an additional difficulty, and demands a firm, tactful, but kind nurse. I feel it is not out of place to point out how few nurses desire or seek training in Lock work; many have a repulsive feeling not only to the patient, but to the very place; they little realise what a splendid field of work they miss, and the glorious opportunities afforded for reclaiming those who need to seek the benefits of the hospital; though, on the other hand, all nurses are not suited for this work. As in the past the effort and aim is still to treat and send the patient out well, the newer methods of treatment curtail the number of days in the hospital, but this necessitates more strenuous work, and a shorter time to try to alter the outlook on life of many who come to us. This is a short description of the nursing and treatment carried out in the Glasgow Lock Hospital, but if it goes to prove that the patients are being treated systematically as well as scientifically, as far as our present knowledge is concerned, then it has fulfilled its purpose.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

Miss L. L. Dock, our International Secretary, arrived in London on Sunday morning after a very rough voyage. Her boat could not put in at Dover, so she was carried over to Antwerp, and arrived in England a day late. We are delighted to find Miss Dock as full of energy as usual. She intends to help on the suffrage movement as well as the nursing question. Next week she will contribute exclusive information to this JOURNAL on the arrangements already fixed for our International Council and Congress meetings at San Francisco in 1915. One thing is sure, and that is that the nurse delegates are to have their own special train from New York to California—stopping to see the great sights just as most convenient—on the trips out and on return. Also, Miss Goodrich and Miss Nutting have Education Day, to be held in the Greek open air theatre at Berkeley (a short sea trip from San Francisco) well in hand. The Nurses' International Florence Nightingale Memorial has their most enthusiastic support, and the *mise en scène* promises to be of a very lovely and thrilling character. The only drawback is that £100. Would that our work was paid for on the scale it deserves—we should then need an entire steamer to cross the Atlantic, as well as a whole train from New York! Miss Dock will meet those interested in internationalism at the office of the Council, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at an early date.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

NEED FOR LEGISLATION URGENT.

At the closing Session of the Scottish Nursing Conference at Glasgow, on the evening of Wednesday, February 11th, when between 400 and 500 nurses were present, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

That this Meeting of the Scottish Nursing Conference considers that it is desirable both in the interests of trained nurses, and of the public who use their services, that provision should be made for their registration by the State, and that the need for such legislation is urgent.

Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, who proposed the Resolution from the chair, said that there had been some criticism of the fact that the subject of State Registration of Nurses had not been included in the programme of the Conference. The reason was that all the Scottish Societies of Nurses were unanimous in their support of registration: they had the support of the medical profession, and there was no organized opposition in Scotland; two of the principal Societies of Nurses were represented on the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses, and united in support of a common Bill. Professor Glaister had referred to the subject when declaring the Exhibition open on the previous Saturday, and said that he hoped it was the unanimous desire of all to see some generally accepted scheme established by law for the registration of nurses. Miss Haldane, in opening the Conference, Miss Wright, and other speakers had also referred to the question.

The Resolution was seconded by Miss J. Cowper, late Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and, when it had been enthusiastically carried, the Chairman said that it could now be made use of to forward the measure.

ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLES.

In reply to a letter offering congratulations and expressing gratitude in the name of the members, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, has received a most kind reply from Sir Ronald C. Munro Ferguson, G.C.M.G., P.C., in which he writes:—"I have become so attached to the principles for which you contend in this proposed measure (Nurses' Registration Bill) that I feel the deepest regret in leaving this country before the work is accomplished. . . . I have to thank you for your kind congratulations to my

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