pines, China and Japan. This, at least, is our ideal.

Monday evening will be free. On Tuesday morning the Congress will begin, and a full programme will be followed. A number of section meetings will be arranged, so that every special line of work may be considered. In all probability the question of State Registration, with all its outlooks, will be taken up on Tuesday. On Tuesday evening an open meeting in the city is planned, when training school methods and conditions in various countries will be discussed. A special effort will be made to bring pupil nurses to this meeting, and to have the speakers represent as many foreign countries as possible.

On Thursday, Public Health Nursing, with its many branches, will be taken up, and in the evening the Banquet will take place. There will be many of our fine western men at the banquet. Indeed, many have already applied for seats, and I think we may say on the whole that men will be a special feature of this occasion.

Friday will have a morning session to finish the programme of papers, and the afternoon and Saturday will be devoted to sight-seeing.

## EDUCATION DAY.

I have purposely left the most important day to the last. Wednesday is to be Education Day. There will be a working programme on the Fair Grounds in the morning, and for the afternoon we shall go a little distance to Berkeley, seat of the University, and in the beautiful Greek outdoor theatre we shall make our offerings to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund.

It was decided to concentrate our energies on this fund and event. The recent appearance of that enthralling biography, Sir Edward Cook's "Life of Florence Nightingale," brings home with fresh emphasis the immense debt of the world to that statesman-like woman, and every nurse should on that day give recognition of what she owes her. Not only as a great nurse, sanitarian, and teacher, but also as a conscious emancipator of women we must now recognize her-one who purposely laboured to set free the powers of women for useful careers. Hitherto, the memorials set up to her have been inanimate ones. Nurses will found a living memorial, which will offer to women of the future opportunities to fit themselves to carry on her work. It is planned to have nurses of every country, race, and creed join in bringing gifts, large or small, and to have them wear uniform and carry banners showing their national or State flags. Miss Goodrich plans a procession, and she and Miss Nutting pro-

posed, what all of us warmly applauded, that the gifts should be received by the woman who first suggested the Memorial, at our banquet in Cologne, who has ever worked untiringly for the higher levels of equipment for nurses as public forces of untold usefulness, and whose quick energy will leave no stone unturned until a Florence Nightingale Chair of Nursing and Health shall be fitly housed in some English College, and open to nurses of all the world. This is Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the International Council of Nurses. The President of each national nursing organization is asked to form a special Committee in her own country to collect the gifts for the Nightingale Memorial. In the United States, Miss Nutting has accepted this task, which to her is a special labour of love.

## THE EXHIBITION AND PRIZES.

The nursing exhibition will be planned in detail as soon as we know how much space we can get. It will certainly not be large, and as, in the Fair, there will be medical, Red Cross, and commercial exhibits in plenty, we will limit ours strictly to nursing, pure and simple, and will inform our members where they can find hospital equipment and other helpful exhibits. The great cost of carriage in our country will make a heavy expense for exhibitors. The space we shall get free.

The details of the exhibit will be attended to by Mrs. Criswell. The conditions for the two prizes offered by Miss Delano of  $\mathcal{L}_{20}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{10}$  will be published later.

L. L. Dock,
(Hon. Secretary, International Council
of Nurses).

## TO MEET MISS DOCK.

An "At Home" will be held on Friday, February 27th, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., from 4.30 to 7, to meet Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Dock will also attend the meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, called for March 12th at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at 4.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many Presidents and Delegates as possible will attend, as the business on the Agenda is important. Some slight additions to the Constitution will be considered. The Annual Conference to be held at Birmingham in June, and the International Congress and Exhibition at San Francisco next year, will also be down on the Agenda for discussion.

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