

All the undergraduate nurses in hospitals in the counties surrounding the Bay of San Francisco will be specially invited to attend this meeting, and there will probably be a total of 12,000 nurses present. A feature of the programme will be the presentation of contributions by the nurses toward the fund for the establishment in London of a Nightingale Educational Memorial, in honour of Florence Nightingale, similar to the one now existing at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

After the adjournment of the outdoor meeting a trip by chartered boats about the most beautiful points of the bay will be made, terminating at nightfall opposite the Exposition grounds, where, after witnessing the wonderful illumination effects from the water front, the nurses will disembark at the Exposition ferry slip.

Another excursion through the famous giant redwoods of Muir Woods, and to the top of beautiful Mount Tamalpais, is planned for the last day of the Convention.

The great main hall of the new Auditorium at the Civic Centre of San Francisco, seating 10,000, will be placed at the disposal of the nurses for general meetings of the Congress.

The "1915" Committee of Arrangements is to meet again in April of this year (1914) to complete further details of the programme for announcement at the Joint Annual Convention of the three American national organisations at St. Louis, April 23rd to 29th, inclusive.

#### THE PROGRAMME.

Among the women who are interested in preparing the programme for the great 1915 Congress, and who will attend, are:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, of London, Founder and Honorary President of the International Council of Nurses and Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING; Sister Agnes Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association; Miss Annie W. Goodrich, of New York, Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers' College, Columbia University, and President of the International Council of Nurses; Miss Geneviève Cooke, of San Francisco, President of the American Nurses' Association; Miss Jane A. Delano, who has offered prizes for nurses' inventions; Miss Clara D. Noyes, President of the National League of Nursing Education; Mrs. Helen Parker Criswell, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; Miss Riddle, editor of Nurses' Department of *Modern Hospital Magazine*, and Superintendent of Newton General Hospital, Massachusetts; Miss L. L. Dock, Honorary Secretary, and Miss M. Breay, Honorary Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses; Miss E. P. Cranwell, Executive Secretary of the National Organisation of Public Health Nurses; Miss S. F. Palmer, Editor of the *American Journal of Nurses*; and Miss M. A. Nutting, Professor of the Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers' College, Columbia University, and Chairman of the Nightingale Memorial Fund in America.

#### STATE REGISTRATION.

Dr. Chapple put down the Nurses Registration Bill for Second Reading on Friday, 13th inst., but owing to the business of the House, it was not reached before adjournment. On the afternoon of that day several matrons were in the Ladies' Gallery, and a large contingent of nurses attended in uniform in St. Stephen's Hall, just to show their interest in their own affairs.

On Monday, March 16th, the Second Reading was blocked by a "professional," Sir Frederick Banbury, one of the two members for the City of London, and no doubt it will be blocked in turn by the few Unionist members pledged to oppose it. But these well-known tactics must in no degree dishearten us. Our cause is right; we have an overwhelming number of good friends in every Party in the House, and—the day will come. Every conscience on the alert—every shoulder to the wheel—will bring it the sooner.

We learn that without any inquiry from the supporters of the Registration Bill, a certain number of Unionist members have pledged their word to Lord Knutsford *personally* to vote against the Registration Bill throughout this Session. What have Unionist women in favour of the Bill to say to that? Is this the way members of that Party support the statement made in the House that the interests of unenfranchised women are safe in the hands of men? We condemn such pledges, and any such contract between the employers of nurses and our legislators, as monstrously unjust. It will be a sorry day for the Unionist Party if its most public-spirited women are driven to appeal to every Party other than their own, with any hope of sympathy, concerning causes they have sincerely at heart.

The Purple Pamphlet, compiled by Lord Knutsford and Miss Lückes, has been sent to *nearly* every member of the House of Commons. It contains the same old shibboleth.

The plain statement of facts made by Dr. Chapple, M.P., in introducing the Nurses' Registration Bill on the 3rd inst., that the opposition to it emanated principally from the London Hospital, which certificated its probationers at the end of two instead of three years' training, and very profitably used their services as private nurses after this short-term training, has been as hotly resented by the Chairman, Lord Knutsford, and the Secretary, Mr. E. W.

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