

two ounces available in the whole of Europe. It is true that a very small quantity is required for treatment, namely, about two grains, but these two grains cost at least £2,000, and as each treatment takes from six to twenty-four hours, you must realise that a great deal of time must elapse before any considerable reduction is to be expected in our annual mortality of 35,000 as the result of radium treatment.

(To be concluded.)

### TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Miss Dock notifies a few alterations in the trip to San Francisco, and it is definitely settled that the Nurses' International Train will leave New York on Wednesday, May 19th, 1915, so as to land the delegates in San Francisco early on Sunday, May 31st, in time for reception, and for the opening of the Congress on the following day.

Also arrangements have been made to spend two days in the wonderful Yosemite Valley after visiting Los Angeles. This Yosemite side trip is very expensive owing to transport: it will cost an extra £6 (well worth it); but for those who do not want to spend that sum arrangements are made for them to go straight on to San Francisco, which we feel convinced very few will do; the International group are not the sort of women who come within distance of one of the world's most renowned spectacles and pass it by!

Now that the train trip is complete we ought to think of steamers. We have just had an offer of most kind help, and hope at an early date to give details, so that all those who wish to make the round trip will be able to decide how best to get to and from New York. It is always the early bird that gets the worm.

Sister Karll announces that already there are fourteen German Sisters who intend to go to San Francisco, and Miss Dock will be obliged if those going from England will notify the Hon. Secretary of our National Council of Nurses at 431, Oxford Street, London, as early as possible.

### UNITED WE STAND.

The newly formed Queen's Hospital Nurses' League, Birmingham, has applied for affiliation with the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and will, we have no doubt, be warmly welcomed at its next meeting, by the sixteen Associations and Leagues which already form the National Council.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES AT BIRMINGHAM.

The Programme for the Nursing Conference and social functions organized by the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League is now almost complete, and we are pleased to report that the space reserved at the Nursing Exhibition on the floor of the New Central Hall for trade exhibits has been eagerly taken up, and nearly every space has been allotted; no doubt as we go to press every stand will have been let, an exceedingly happy result for those who have worked so hard to make the conjoint Conference and Exhibition a success. We have no doubt that there will be a large attendance, as this is the first occasion such a conjoint function has been organized in the Midlands, and much interest is already aroused in nursing circles concerning it. The Conference Chamber and the Exhibition Hall are in the same building, which is a great convenience.

#### PROGRAMME OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH.

MORNING SESSION—10—12.30.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham will open the Conference with a few words of welcome to the city.

Address of Welcome by the President, Miss E.M. Musson.

Chair—Miss Musson.

"The State Registration of Trained Nurses."

Gilbert Barling, Esq., F.R.C.S. (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham; Senior Surgeon, General Hospital, Birmingham). Miss Gertrude Rogers (late Matron Leicester Royal Infirmary); Mrs. George Cadbury.

"The Florence Nightingale Chair of Nursing and Health." Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Opener of Discussion: Miss Richmond (Matron Hospital for Women, Sparkhill).

AFTERNOON SESSION—2—4.

Chair—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

"The Economic Position of the Nurse," Miss Musson (Matron General Hospital, Birmingham), and Miss Violetta Thurstan.

"The Need of Co-operation for Superintendents of Nursing Homes." Mrs. Stabb.

"An Organized Service for Poor Law Nursing."

Miss Gibson (late Matron, The Infirmary, Birmingham).

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH.

MORNING SESSION—10—12.30.

Chair—Miss Huxley.

"Nursing under the Insurance Act"—Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., F.R.C.S.

"The Trained Nurse and Midwifery" Dr. Robertson (M.O.H. for the City of Birmingham).

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