

cookery, which go towards the assistance of the patient's own blood corpuscles. It is better to know how to move a helpless patient comfortably in bed than to put on a bandage prettily.

And I would put in a word for any wounded Germans who may come under our care, and that is that those of us who know a little German should rub up our vocabulary with a handy dictionary or grammar, and if we do not, that we should find out those who do, so that they may act as interpreters. If any of us were stranded in an enemy's country we should value a few words of broken English more than anything; and with our patients there can be no nationality; we simply have to fight our old microbic foes, and everything that tends to enlist the patient's desire to get well on our side will be a valuable asset.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Mrs. Helen P. Criswell, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the International Congress of Nurses at San Francisco, writes that space in the Educational Palace at the Panama Pacific International Exposition has been definitely assigned for a Nursing Exhibit. It is beautifully located on the main thoroughfare of this wonderful building, which covers an area of four acres of ground, and is next to the Palace of Fine Arts. The plans for the Congress altogether are progressing in the most encouraging manner.

The officers of the Canadian National Council of Nurses, which is affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, were elected at the recent annual meeting at Halifax, Nova Scotia. They are:—*President*, Miss S. P. Wright, New Westminster; *first Vice-President*, Miss Kirke, Halifax; *second Vice-President*, Miss Goodhue, Montreal; *Treasurer*, Miss Desbrisay, Montreal; *Secretary*, Miss J. I. Gunn.

It is announced by *Una*, the official organ of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, that the first step has been taken towards affiliating the nursing associations of Australia with the International Council of Nurses. For some time the A.T.N.A. and the R.V.T.N.A. have been in communication with each other *re* the formation of a combined council composed entirely of nurses. The R.V.T.N.A. has nominated the Misses Glover, Mann, and Lyons. After the A.T.N.A. has selected its representatives, the federated Council of Nurses will apply for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

Honours seem to be showered upon the friends of State Registration of Nurses. Dr. Christopher Addison, M.P., whose name appears on the back of the Nurses' Registration Bill, enters the Government as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education in succession to Mr. Trevelyan, a not unexpected honour, as his services in connection with the National Insurance Act marked him out for recognition.

The Gold Medal of the British Medical Association for distinguished merit has been awarded to Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Bath, Consulting Surgeon, Sussex County Hospital, for his eminent services to the Association in many capacities: as a member and sometime as Chairman of the Insurance Act Committee of the Association during the strenuous period of the introduction and passing into law of the National Insurance Act; as a member of Council for several years; as Chairman of Representative Meetings; and as a direct representative of the medical profession on the General Medical Council.

A Barnstaple Hospital Matron writes in a contemporary:—"The Government is according official recognition to the Boy Scouts' uniform. For 25 years Englishwomen have prayed the Government to accord some kind of official recognition to the uniform of the trained nurse—in vain. Our work is harder, more dangerous to health, and inconceivably more exhausting and trying than Boy Scouts' light duties."

The official organ of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association just to hand, which publishes a verbatim report of the deputation to the Minister of Health *re* State Registration of Nurses, says editorially:—

In Victoria this matter has reached the stage that a draft Bill is prepared, and the nurses by a large majority request that this draft Bill be taken by the Minister of Health and introduced into Parliament. It is not to be expected that the State Registration of Nurses Act will be the same in every particular as the draft Bill. It will have to undergo criticism in Parliament, and may be more or less modified. We are assured that the Council of the R.V.T.N.A. will be consulted in the matter. As it is a non-party Bill, and more in the interests of patients than nurses, we trust that little alteration will be made, and that the measure will be passed as speedily as possible.

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