

congratulations. Last Saturday the King gave his assent to the new Danish Constitution which establishes universal suffrage—male and female—for both Houses of Parliament, and will come into force in a year's time.

Women will vote in the Landsting elections as well as in those for the Folketing, and will be eligible to sit in both Houses.

A women's thanksgiving procession has been received by the King.

AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Programme of the eighteenth annual meeting of the American Nurses' Association, to meet at San Francisco, June 20th to 26th, is full of good things. We note that Miss Sophia Palmer, the editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*, will speak on the "Power of the Professional Press," a power which alone can preserve freedom of conscience and action for any body of professional workers—and power, moreover, which it is the duty of every loyal member of the profession to preserve from the exploitation of the quack, and consequent degradation of professional ideals. American nurses have given splendid evidence of such professional loyalty, and well deserve the financial success attained in the conduct of their official organ, the *American Journal of Nursing*, which has thus become an all-powerful support to the progress of nursing education and proficiency throughout the United States.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Programme for the Day's Conference on June 17th will be found on page 513. We are glad to know that quite a number of members hope to be present, in spite of war duties. Miss Beatrice Cutler, Hon. Secretary N.C.T.N., will give a short address on Registration and Military Nursing, and a resolution will be submitted, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for State Registration of Nurses. Miss H. Hawkins will read a Paper in support of founding a Trained Nurses' Economic League, Mrs. Herbert Lewis will open the discussion, and Mr. Herbert Paterson, F.R.C.S., will also speak. Mr. Paterson is warmly interested in procuring just economic conditions for trained nurses, and has realised, as we all have, the absolutely defenceless condition of nurses since the beginning of the war.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Baillie Reynolds, the great novelist, a past President of the Society of Women Journalists, will take the Chair, when "The Place of the Imperial Mother in Peace and War" will be discussed.

Mrs. Fenwick will speak on A Scheme for Social Service in Relation to the Soldier; and on the sub-sections referred to (a) Scientific Domestic Management, (b) Personal Hygiene, and (c) Preventive Nursing, Mrs. Clark Nuttall, Dr. R. Murray Leslie, and Miss H. L. Pearse will speak respectively. A good discussion is hoped for, as the Imperial Mother must in the future play her part from start to finish in our national life. Since the beginning of war, the activities of women in every direction have been extraordinary, and are day by day becoming more indispensable to the success of life worthily lived individually and corporately. The individual effort made has been beyond praise throughout the Empire, but what is now imperative is to bring order out of chaos, and to define and organise on a national basis the Place of the Imperial Mother. The whole world wants her for the saving and happiness of mankind.

The Hon. Secretary will be obliged if those members hoping to accept Mrs. Spencer's kind invitation to luncheon on June 17th will let her know during the coming week.

The whole Conference is open to all members of societies forming the National Council, and they can obtain tickets (free) for their friends from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

CANADIAN NURSES FÊTED.

The party of thirty trained nurses of the St. John Ambulance Association of Canada, who arrived in London a week ago, are being very kindly entertained by the members of the St. John Ambulance Association, while being outfitted for War duty. The Duchess of Somerset, with Sir Owen and Lady Philipps, Lady Sloggett and Lady Jekyll, kindly entertained them at luncheon; and Lady Perley at a tea given to all Canadian nurses in London, at Prince's Restaurant. A visit was arranged to St. Paul's; and a tea given at St. John's Gate, where they were shown the interesting old Priory Church and the Warehouse. They have been interested in seeing the London and Guy's Hospitals—at which latter place tea was served in the Nurses' Reception Room by the staff, and an enjoyable time spent. On Monday, Lord Ludlow entertained them by a tea and music; and on Tuesday, they were the guests of Lady Jekyll—motoring to Hampton Court, where they were shown over the grounds and Palace. Although enjoying their visit exceedingly, our Canadian colleagues will be very glad when all preparations are completed and they are settled down at the work they came over to do.

The suffering of many of the sick and wounded Canadian troops has aroused the deepest sympathy upon the part of their devoted nurses.

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