

American colleagues in inviting us to the Annual Conference, at which so much is always to be learned; but until peace is proclaimed we wish to devote all our spare time to alleviating the suffering produced by war, and we deeply regret all the professional controversy thrust upon the profession at the present time. After the war it will be the duty of all National Associations of Nurses gathered together in International Conference, to consider the better organization of War Nursing, in the hope of minimising in the future the disorganization, confusion, and the unjust conditions for trained nurses which at present pertain, largely the result of lay control of professional affairs.

The Program of the New Orleans Convention is quite a budget. Private duty nursing will come in for exhaustive discussion; Red Cross nursing, so well organized in the States, will be well to the fore; and we are glad to see Dr. C. A. Bahn has an address on "The Present and Future of Reciprocity." As we feel sure that the Americans will never "recipros" with any country where legal status by Act of Parliament is not in force, we must hurry up and get our Registration Bill through, or after the war we may find State Registered German nurses eligible for reciprocity in the United States, and *voluntarily* registered British nurses excluded. And quite justly so.

The League of Nursing Education, which holds a joint Convention at New Orleans, will in a very full program hold a session on "The Mental Hygiene Movement and the Training of Nurses for Mental Work"; Miss M. A. Nutting will discuss "The Ideal Training School" and "Nursing Lessons to be drawn from the Present European War," in which Miss Ellen La Motte and Miss Marion G. Parsons, of the British Expeditionary Force, France, will take part.

The Public Health Sessions will deal with School Nursing, in several important papers, and many sections of health nursing will be discussed—"Public Health Nursing under Government Control," "How Public Health Nurses Can Aid a State Department of Health," "Public Health Nursing—a Municipal Duty." The importance of the "Tuberculosis Nurse and Infant Care are also emphasised, and the cry is for State organization of Public Health Nursing in all its beneficent phases. All problems we are struggling with, but which we fear will never really make effective progress until conscientious personal responsibility is encouraged, instead of being suppressed, amongst trained nurses.

AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.

The procession from Westminster to Hyde Park organized by the British Empire Union last Saturday in memory of the sinking of the *Lusitania* a year ago was a very impressive sight. The survivors in the procession were greeted with sympathy, and the band of the Union brought tears to many eyes as it played Chopin's Funeral March—most heart-piercing music. The long procession included members of the Red Cross Society, Canadian nurses, and Women's Reserve Ambulance. In Hyde Park speeches were delivered, the chief notes of which were indignation at German barbarity and resolve to prosecute the war till German power for evil is broken.

EXHIBITION OF CHILD LIFE.

An interesting exhibition representing Child Life was opened at the Institute of Hygiene, Devonshire Street, W., on Monday afternoon, by Princess Arthur of Connaught, and is continuing throughout the week, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

A guard of honour was formed of boys in the picturesque dress of the Gordon Highlanders, and after the Princess had been presented with a beautiful bouquet of tiger lilies tied with bright blue ribbons, by a little child, in nursing uniform, not very much bigger than the bouquet she carried, Sir Malcolm Morris gave a short introductory address, in which he said that never had it been so necessary to insist that child life should be carefully guarded as when the fathers of the nation, actual and potential, were laying down their lives in multitudes in defence of the liberties of Europe.

Princess Arthur of Connaught, in declaring the Exhibition open, said that the subject of child welfare was one in which she was much interested. If this exhibition increased the knowledge of mothers and stimulated them to take added knowledge in the health and welfare of their offspring it would have done most useful and practical work. By means of the ribbons placed in her hands by Dr. Murray Leslie Her Royal Highness then drew the curtains covering the doors leading to the Exhibition, and declared it open.

The audience then dispersed to see the various exhibits, amongst them the Model Day Nursery, the children being in charge of Miss Beatrice Evans, Matron of the St. Marylebone Day Nursery, the demonstrations by little children of elementary nursing duties, and the model children's ward installed by the authorities of the Evelina Hospital. Here a practical illustration was given of the administration of warmed oxygen, and of an extension for a fractured femur in a small child. The legs are slung at right angles to the body, snugly enveloped in a blanket, the appropriate amount of weight being supplied. The advantage is that the back is in such a position that the child's needs can be readily attended to by the nurse in charge.

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