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## THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES

THE committee of five representing the federation of our two societies, viz.: the Associated Alumnae and the Society of Superintendents, have asked Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, to accept the presidency of the federation and she has consented.

In February, 1902, beginning on the 19th, the triennial meeting of the National Council of Women will be held in Washington—the first one since our admission. We will be represented at this triennial by our president and Miss Linda Richards, who will be privileged to vote on motions, but any nurse who is a member of the federation may attend the sessions.

We have the right to present two resolutions, and have been called on to make suggestions for the programme. The federation has been asked to appoint a representative nurse upon a committee whose duty it shall be to bring the National Council of America into closer relations with international movements. This nurse's duties will be: to be watchful of any changes in the public mind towards the department of work which she represents (the entire work of nursing); to note any practical manifestation of such changes, either in the establishment of an institution or the organization of a new society, the modification of an existing law (or, in our case, the establishment of law), or in public expression by speech or writing; also to keep herself informed of the progress of thought in foreign countries upon the subject. A month before the Annual Executive she will send a memorandum containing the result of her observation and studies to Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

This important and interesting work has been taken up by Miss Sophia Palmer.

We have also been asked to appoint a nurse who would assist in promoting a general demonstration in favor of arbitration and universal peace, to be held next May in all the civilized nations simultaneously. Mrs. Sewall is also the chairman of this movement.

The pin of the National Council of Women may be worn by any affiliated nurse, and may be ordered from Kate Waller Barrett, M.D., the corresponding secretary of the council, at 218 Third Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The pin comes in two grades, one of rolled gold for seventy-five cents and one of solid gold for one dollar and twenty-five cents, and is of beautiful design.

As we are now beginning to take an active place in the council, and shall thus be in relation with women all over the world who stand for progress and a general uplifting, it is ardently to be hoped that all of our members who have time will interest themselves individually in this affiliation, inform themselves as to what women are doing, and educate themselves to hold intelligent opinions on the constantly arising questions which will be brought before us.

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Secretary.