

The Coming Congress.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO NURSES.

AT last the long anticipated event, the meeting of the great International Congress of Women in London, is at hand, and before we go to press again we hope many of our readers will have had the pleasure of attending its meetings and social gatherings.

OWING to the great enthusiasm which this event has aroused, there are, altogether, some two thousand members of the Congress, and it has, therefore, been thought advisable to hold the Opening Public Meeting of Welcome on Monday, the 26th inst., at 2.30, at the Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, instead of at the Westminster Town Hall as originally arranged, so as to prevent the inconvenience of overcrowding, which would otherwise have been inevitable. This augurs well for the daily attendance at the Congress.

THE Handbook, which is quite a comprehensive pamphlet, can now be obtained from the office, price 6d., in which will be found the Programme for the Quinquennial Business Sessions of the International Council, and the Programme of the Congress Meetings, particulars as to Social Gatherings, Chairmen, Delegates, Speakers, and Members of Congress, and much other information of a valuable character.

AN interesting little book, entitled, "Who's Who at the Congress," has also been compiled, and will be on sale, containing portraits and short biographical sketches of the work of the most eminent women at home and abroad who are with us for this happy event.

EVERY arrangement, as far as space will allow, is being made for the comfort and convenience of the members. Rest rooms will be furnished at Westminster and St. Martin's Town Halls, and Press rooms, Book rooms, an Enquiry Office, and a Post Office, will be found at Headquarters.

So many matters of interest are to be discussed simultaneously that we should advise our readers to arrange on the previous day which subject under discussion interests them most deeply, and then to make in good time for the particular Hall, in which the Session will be held.

MEETINGS which must not be missed are, of course, the Meeting of Welcome at the Church House, on Monday 26th, at 2.30 p.m., when the President, the Countess of Aberdeen, will deliver her Address of Welcome, and when fraternal

greetings will be offered by the national delegates. At 9 p.m. there will be a reception of Delegates and Speakers at Stafford House.

ON Tuesday the Session on Medical Women will interest nurses, and will be held in the Council Chamber, Westminster Town Hall, at 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., presiding.

MEDICINE.

Paper 1.—"Training and Qualifications of Women Doctors." By Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, United States.

Opener of Discussion: Dr. Poznansky-Garfield, Russia; followed by Dr. Tibertius, Germany, and Dr. Aletta Jacobs, Holland.

Paper 2.—"Women's Work as Doctors in Hospitals, in Private Practice, and under Government." By Dr. Stefanofskaia-Kosakevitch, Russia.

Opener of Discussion: Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., Great Britain; followed by Dr. E. Sandelin, Sweden.

AT 8 p.m. on Tuesday 27th., the Countess of Aberdeen will preside at a Public Meeting on "International Arbitration" at the Queen's Hall, at which the following eminent persons will speak: Baroness Bertha Von Suttner (Austria), authoress of "Lay down your Arms," Frau Selenka (Germany), Mrs. May Wright Sewall (United States), Madame De Waszkewitz Von Schilfgaarde (Holland), Dr. Charles Richet (France), His Grace the Archbishop of St. Paul's (U.S.A.) (if possible), The Earl of Aberdeen, Miss Ellen Robinson, Madame Cheliga (France).

A musical programme will be carried out under the direction of Mr. Henry Bird, who will preside at the organ. Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Ella Walker, and other distinguished artistes have kindly offered their services for the occasion.

SPECIAL HOSPITALITY FOR NURSES.

ON Wednesday, June 28th, Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has issued invitations to the Trained Nurses, and will also invite other Members of the Congress interested in Nursing and Hospital work, to Tea, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at 4 p.m.

ON Thursday, June 29th, the Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, invites the nurses attending the Congress to visit the London Hospital at 4 p.m. Mr. Holland will give a very short explanation of the system of training and nursing adopted at the London Hospital, and the institution will then be inspected, after which tea and coffee will be served in the garden.

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