

## The Jubilee Congress of District Nursing, Liverpool.

MAY 12th, 13th, 14th, 1909.

In 1859 the work of District Nursing in the Homes of the Poor was inaugurated in Liverpool by the late Mr. Wm. Rathbone, Mr. Charles Langton, and others, and since then this method has extended not only throughout the United Kingdom—where an immense impetus was given to it by the foundation by the late Queen, of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, with the Women's Offering on the occasion of her Jubilee in 1887—but also to other countries. It is intended to hold a Congress in Liverpool on May 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1909, in commemoration of the event, and to invite delegates from all District Nursing Associations in Great Britain and Ireland, as well as from the Continent of Europe, the United States of America, and from the Colonies, also representatives of medical authorities and hospitals and others interested in social work amongst the poor.

The Congress will be under the special patronage of her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and it is hoped that the opening meeting may be attended by a member of the Royal Family. The Congress has the warm approval of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

Matrons and Nurses will be welcome at the Congress, and those wishing for an invitation should apply to the Secretaries, Central Home, 1, Prince's Road, Liverpool.

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF CONGRESS.

May 12th.—3 to 5 p.m. Congress meets.

Reception at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor.

8 p.m. Inaugural Public Meeting.

#### SECTION 1.

May 13th.—10 a.m. Subject: History of District Nursing in England and other countries; past growth and development; statistics; various systems hitherto pursued.

#### SECTION 2.

11.30 a.m. Subject: Importance of District Nursing as a factor in Social work. (a) Results on habits and hygiene. (b) Preservation of the home. (c) Influence of the nurse.

#### SECTION 3.

2.30 p.m. Subject: Maternity work in connection with District Nursing. (1) In towns; (2) In country. (a) Influence on the mother. (b) Prevention of infantile mortality.

#### SECTION 4.

3.30 p.m. Subject: Co-operation with Boards of Guardians, Charity Organisations, Public Health Departments; Prevention of tuberculosis;

giving of relief; payments of patients.  
8 p.m. At Home.

#### SECTION 5.

May 14th.—10 a.m. Subject: School Nursing in connection with District work. (a) Nurses in connection with medical inspection. (b) Importance of attending to minor ailments. (c) Relief in suffering. (d) Maintenance of school attendance. (e) Improvement in teachableness of the children. (f) Preventive work. (g) Cleanliness and care of children. (h) Following up cases at home.

#### SECTION 6.

11.30 a.m. Subject: The District Nurse. Training, inspection, etc. (a) Different standards required. (b) Preparation for district work; what it should be. (c) Special training. (d) Nurses in towns; duties of Superintendent. (e) Single Nurses in country districts. (f) Mid-wife Nurses. (g) Superintendence. (h) Inspection.

#### SECTION 7.

Subject: Future developments, and valedictory.  
3 p.m. Reception on board an Atlantic Liner.

N.B.—The Sections will meet in two adjoining halls in the Central Hall Building in Renshaw Street, so that if one subject is not concluded, the other may commence at the hour fixed.

## A Sad Loss to Sisters and Soldiers in India.

It is with deep regret and a great shock that we have learned of the death of our senior Lady Superintendent, Miss Rachael Angela Betty, of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, at Madras General Hospital, of dysentery. Miss Betty had quite recently completed a tour of inspection in the 7th Division, and appeared to be in ordinary health. However, it transpires that she was on her way to Colombo on leave, and was taken ill to Madras Hospital, where, in a few hours, she died on December 31st, away from all the Nursing Sisters under her, who would have held it a great privilege to help or comfort her. But she was ministered to by strangers in those her last hours.

We are grateful to know that she was laid to rest by the men to whom she had devoted her life—the soldiers—and glad that some of the men who formed the firing party were men who had been trained in nursing in our hospital wards.

It is a great comfort to us that they were at hand to give our dear and respected Lady Superintendent this last little mark of respect. They laid her to rest on January 1st, 1909.

A NURSING SISTER.

Mhow, India.

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