

"Now that there is a fair prospect shortly of our being united in one Nursing Association of the Nurses of New Zealand, the Central Council of that Association must make a request that they may be so affiliated. Let us make a great effort to be united in time to make our application for affiliation, and be admitted as a part of that great organisation of our profession at the Congress in July.

"This is a question to be considered by the four Nursing Associations now formed in the Dominion of New Zealand, and a question also to be considered by the Congress of Hospital Matrons which the Inspector-General of Hospitals and Registrar of Nurses hopes to convene during the year.

"Surely the kinship of our bodies of nurses with other bodies in other parts of the world, the fusion of our thoughts with theirs, the interchange of our ideals, our projects for improvement with others must result in our reaching a higher plane, attaining a higher standard, and so increasing our sphere of influence and usefulness in the world around us, than we can ever reach if we remain absorbed in our own local interests unheeding and careless of what is going on in the large world beyond."

This would be just splendid. We do hope New Zealand, and Sweden also, will both be prepared to apply for affiliation with the International Council in July. That in its first decade the National Associations of nine countries should be thus bound together in "kinship" would more than realise our dream of its immense influence as a world force for good.

CANADIAN NURSES ENTHUSIASTIC.

From Canada this week's mail brings a letter from Miss Snively, President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, accepting the invitation to take part in the Congress. She writes: "I find there will be a fine representation of Canadians attending the Quinquennial Congress in July. All are most enthusiastic. Somewhat later, I will be able to give you the names of many who hope to be present. We meantime wish our English sisters every success in the great work they are undertaking in making preparations for the forthcoming Congress of Nurses."

IMPERIAL FEDERATION OF BRITISH NURSES.

Miss Snively having read Miss Maclean's suggestion in *Kai Taiki*, writes that she wishes to suggest that some form of Imperial Federation of British Nurses' National Councils should be organised through which to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses, under some such title as "The Imperial British Trained Nurses' Council." We suggest the title of "The Imperial Federation of British Nurses." This important question will be referred to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council in July for consideration.

DANISH NURSES LOOK AHEAD.

Through the Danish Consulate in London the large contingent of Danish nurses, who will be with us in July, are already securing their rooms in London.

The International Congress of Nurses.

Amongst the reports to be presented to the National Council of Nurses at the meeting on April 7th the Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, M.S. Walter Spencer, will be able to show most satisfactory progress. The social functions will open with a luncheon on Monday, July 19, after the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to be followed by Miss Isla Stewart's Reception at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the evening. On the 20th six hundred members of Congress will be entertained at a Reception at the historic Mansion House by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London. On the 21st Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of his Excellency the American Ambassador, who, as an Honorary Member of the American Federation of Nurses, is a member of the International Council of Nurses, will give a Reception at Dorchester House, Park Lane. On Thursday, 22nd, the beautiful suite of rooms and the Georgian Hall of the Gaiety Restaurant have been engaged for a Banquet. An Entertainment at the International Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush is in prospect, where the Hon. Albinia Brodrick will be hostess to foreign delegates, and the Irish nurses. On the 24th a picnic to Windsor, to show our splendid Royal Castle, and glorious old Father Thames, to the visitors from our Colonies and abroad, may very happily end the Congress Week. There is also in prospect hospitality for the evenings of the 20th and 21st, and offers of hospitality for lunches, teas, and dinners.

Lady Truscott, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Lady Ampthill, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Miss Haldane, LL.D., and other ladies who have worked hard to raise nursing standards, together with a very large number of Matrons of Hospitals, Infirmarys, and Nursing Institutions, have already accepted the invitation of the Organising Committee to give their support as Vice-Presidents to the Congress and Exhibition, and from all over the United Kingdom we hear that nurses are making preparations to "give the week up" to the gathering, so that success is already assured.

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