

The International Congress of Nurses and Exhibition.

The Meeting of the National Council of Nurses was held too late this week for us to give a full report of its proceedings. Much interesting information will appear in our next issue. We may report, however, that the Hon. Secretary has been intimated from the United States of America, Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Canada that the invitation of the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be responded to with much enthusiasm by nurses from these countries, and that from other countries and colonies nurses intend to be present in London from July 19th to 23rd. Interesting Papers are being prepared by experts, and lively discussions are expected. Foreign nurses have been specially invited to speak in the various sessions in the discussions on Papers, and the Organising Committee is anxious that as much time as possible shall be given to free discussion.

The principal Meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at Caxton Hall, arranged to hold about 400, so that women's voices need not be strained to reach the audience, and the following important subjects will take precedence:—

1. The International Standard of Nursing Education.
2. The Nurse in Private Practice.
3. The Nurse as Citizen.
4. Morality in Relation to Health (for women only).
5. The Care of the Insane.
6. The Nurse as Patriot.
7. The Nurse in the Mission Field.
8. The Relations of Nursing and Medicine.

A small hall has been reserved for conferences on questions of interest such as Thrift and Provident Nursing, Preventive Nursing, Professional Journalism, etc., and the Committee will be pleased to hear from any nurse who wishes to suggest questions for discussion.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick has kindly consented to act as Chief Steward in charge of the Congress Halls, and will be supported by a dozen ladies who are linguists.

Miss Beatrice Kent will act as Chief Steward in charge of the Exhibition, and will have several ladies to help her in this interesting department.

Miss Beatrice Cutler, with assistants, will supervise the Bureau of Information, which will be no sinecure, and see generally to the happiness and comfort of our guests.

THE EXHIBITION.

Good progress is being made with the Exhibition of Nursing Appliances, etc. The Irish Nurses' Association, always up and doing, will organise an Irish Nursing Exhibit, in which Gynaecological and Abdominal Nursing will play a prominent part. A Committee, of which Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., is Secretary, is already at work, and Irish nurses wishing to help should address her at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, marking their letters "Congress Exhibit."

The District Nursing Exhibit is being arranged by Lady Hermione Blackwood, Queen's Nurse, and Miss E. L. C. Eden, Organising Secretary of the Nurses' Social Union. This exhibit will be in a small room to itself opening out of the Exhibition Hall, which is very light and convenient. St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League will organise the exhibit of operation room and ward appliances, made by and used by nurses. The Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League will arrange to show the dressings and appliances used in nursing the "Head" (brain, skull, eye, ear, nose, mouth, and throat). The St. John's House Nurses' League take maternity nursing, a specialty in which they appear highly expert, to judge from the beautiful exhibit at our last little exhibition in 1906. The Registered Nurses' Society will look after nursing literature, photographs, badges, pins, and brassards. Other sections are on the way, and from our American and foreign guests we are looking forward to help in making the Nurses' Practical Exhibits full of interest. Next week we shall announce the Prizes which are to be offered—(1) for the best Sections, and (2) for Nurses' Inventions.

HOSPITALITY FUND.

Hospitality has been offered to foreign members of the Congress by a few ladies. Some unfortunately are too far out of town for their kind invitations to be convenient, those of others have been accepted and their guests will be arranged later. Contributions to a hospitality fund will be welcomed. It is a sad fact that all over the Continent the remuneration of trained nurses is so very limited that many longing to come and take part in the Congress cannot do so for lack of funds. These may be just the very women to whom such a gathering would be an immense inspiration, and who would appreciate its lesson of solidarity, who would absorb its teaching, and carry home its message in word and spirit. Money—money—hard, horrid, glittering—all powerful pelf! If only we could ignore you—but we can't.

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