

some of the more interesting bits of London. This will be a good opportunity for visits to historic places, and to some of our beautiful hospitals. The first day's welcome to the members of the International Council will end very appropriately by a Reception in the Great Hall at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by invitation of Miss Isla Stewart, the senior British Councilor of the International organisation, which owes so much to her help and sympathy at its inception in 1899.

AN IMPERIAL BRITISH COUNCIL.

The President reported that the suggestion of Miss Maclean, the Assistant Inspector and Registrar of Nurses in New Zealand, that all British nurses should enter the International Council through a federated council was approved by Miss Snively, President of the Canadian National Nurses' Association. This was a question of organisation, which must be referred to the Executive Committee of the International Council, and she proposed that this course should be taken. She suggested the title of "The Imperial Federation of British Nurses." It was agreed to refer the matter to the Executive Committee, when it was hoped representatives of Canadian, Australasian, New Zealand, and South African nurses might be in England to express their wishes on the matter.

THE CONGRESS BUSINESS.

The President reported that the International Congress to be held from 20th to 23rd July was receiving enthusiastic support, over 100 Matrons had already consented to act as Vice-Presidents, the majority of whom intended to be present. A few ladies who had worked for higher nursing standards, headed by the Lady Mayoress of London, had been invited, and had consented to act in this capacity. Miss Beatrice Cutler would be in charge of the Information Bureau. The Hon. Albinia Brodrick would be chief steward, with a contingent of linguists in the Congress Halls, and Miss Beatrice Kent, with several assistants, would act as chief steward in the Exhibition Hall.

THE CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

The Programme is almost complete. Amongst those invited to preside at Sessions and take part in the Congress are the following:—

1. Education and Registration.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the chair. The chief Paper will be presented by Mrs. Isabel Hampton Robb, U.S.A., on "The International Standard of Nursing Education." Speakers from Germany, France, Canada, Finland, Holland, and England will take part.

2. Mrs. Kildare Treacy, nominated by the Irish Nurses' Association, will preside at the Session on "The Nurse in Private Practice," when the question will be discussed by a medical man, a member of the public, and a Trained Nurse.

3. The Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson will be in the chair when "The Nurse as Citizen" is discussed, and will open the Session with an Address, to be followed by Miss M. A. Nutting, of the United States, and Mlle. Chaptal, of Paris.

4. The Session, open to women only, on "Morality in Relation to Health" will have Fraulein Karll in the chair, and Papers of great interest will be read by Miss L. L. Dock, of the United States, and the Hon. Albinia Brodrick.

5. Mrs. Hampton Robb, President of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, it is hoped will preside at the Session, when "The Care of the Insane" is certain to arouse great interest. Dr. Robert Jones, Medical Superintendent of Claybury Asylum, will give the first Paper, to be followed by Miss Parsons, Superintendent of Nurses, Sheppard and Enoch Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., on "The Modern System of Nursing the Insane."

6. "The Nurse as Patriot" will have Miss Isla Stewart in the chair, when the opening Address will be given by the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, M.P., K.C., Secretary of State for War, and Miss C. Elston, from France, and Fraulein Karll, from Germany, will follow.

7. Miss Agnes Snively, of Canada, owing to her well known keen interest in missionary work for nurses, will be in the chair, when "The Nurse in the Mission Field" is under discussion. Miss E. Margaret Fox, Matron, Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, will open the meeting with a Paper on "Preparation," to be followed by one on the "Practical Sphere of the Missionary Nurse."

8. The closing Session will be devoted to discussing "The Relations of Nursing and Medicine," from practical and ethical points of view. A layman will be in the chair, and a Matron—Miss Mollett, of Southampton—and a doctor will open the discussion by Papers from the standpoint of the trained nurse and the medical practitioner.

A small hall, holding about 100, has been reserved for special Conferences.

The Congress will terminate with votes of thanks to those who have taken part in its proceedings.

THE HOSPITALITY REPORT.

Mrs. Walter Spencer, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, then presented her report.

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