

International Congress of Nurses. The Jubilee Congress of District Nursing.

There are a number of most interesting items of Congress news to hand, and we propose to devote a large amount of space next week to reporting progress. The arrangements are now almost complete, and we hope to welcome a large number of fraternal delegates to the Congress, as well as the official delegates to the International Council Meeting.

ACCOMMODATION FOR NURSES AT THE CONGRESS.

With regard to the accommodation for the Nurses during the Congress, Mrs. Glane has made special arrangements with hotels and boarding-houses.

The Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, will receive the delegates, bed and breakfast, light and attendance, for 5s. 6d., and has promised to take about 50 ladies, partly in single, partly in double rooms, with single beds.

Woburn House Hotel, bed and breakfast 5s. This hotel has promised to take up to 20.

In Bedford Place, three boarding-houses numbers 34, 35, and 36, single and double rooms, bed and breakfast, 4s. 6d.

There are also other places where visitors to the Congress can be accommodated.

Mrs. Glane begs us to draw our readers' attention to the fact, that the earlier she receives orders, the better arrangements can be made, and that she, of course, will fill in all the single rooms obtainable first. Nurses are asked to write to Mrs. Glane, Anglo-Scandinavian Travellers' Guidance and Commission, Bureau, 47, Great Portland Street, as she has got these mentioned terms specially arranged for the purpose.

St. Ermin's Hotel, St. James's Park, Westminster, London, S.W., next door to the Congress Hall, will be the Headquarters of the Congress. Price for bed, single room, and breakfast, 8s. Meals to order.

THE QUESTION OF CLOTHES.

In reply to several enquiries from abroad on the question of clothes, may we reply that every visitor to the Congress can, of course, wear uniform dress or not, just as she chooses. Uniform may be worn morning and evening, upon every occasion, and, low be it spoken, so may all the pomps and vanities.

League News.

It is proposed to postpone the Annual Meeting of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League until after the Nursing Congress (July 19th to 24th). The date will probably be July 29th.

M. HELENA SHERLOCK, *Hon. Sec.*

The uniform of the trained nurse is no uncommon sight in Liverpool, with its many hospitals, and its excellent organisation for the nursing of the sick poor in their own homes, but never has it been so much in evidence as during the Jubilee Congress of District Nursing last week, when trained nurses seemed to take possession of the city and, for the time being, to absorb the attention of the citizens, who extended to the visitors a most cordial and hospitable welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th.

THE RECEPTION AT THE TOWN HALL.

The first event in connection with the Congress was the Reception at the Town Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 12th, by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Liverpool, which was attended by a large number of delegates from district nursing associations in all parts of the United Kingdom, as well as from abroad, by district and other nurses of the city, and many leading citizens. Conspicuous amongst the nurses were the delegates from Norway in plain black dresses, with caps set far back on the head, and covering the ears, similar to those formerly worn by the Nursing Sisters of St. John the Evangelist in this country. Everyone agreed that this civic Reception was a most pleasant introduction to the proceedings of the Congress.

THE INAUGURAL MEETING.

An Inaugural Meeting was held the same evening, at the Central Hall, Renshaw Street, a building admirably adapted for the purpose. On the platform, which was beautifully decorated with flowering plants, one saw, upon entering the Hall, tier upon tier of Queen's Nurses in the uniform so well known and beloved in the homes of the poor throughout the country.

The Lord Mayor presided, and, in extending a warm welcome to the delegates, said that in no town would their presence be more honoured.

THE SPEECHES.

MR. ARCHIBALD WILLIAMSON, M.P., Chairman of the Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association, who was the first speaker, prefaced his remarks with the words, "What a difference between one man struggling alone in 1859 and this great meeting!" It was, he said, in the year 1859 that their late honoured fellow-citizen, Mr. William Rathbone, conceived the idea of carrying the benefits of trained nursing into the homes of the poor. At that time the trained nurse was a novelty who hardly existed, and could not be obtained, as now, by an advertisement in the nursing press. Rathbone consulted Miss Florence Nighting-

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