

International Council Meeting and Congress of Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses was held at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, on Friday, 18th inst., and final arrangements approved for the forthcoming Congress and Exhibition.

The President reported that the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council will be held in the Large Hall of the Church House, to enable the large number of fraternal delegates from countries not yet affiliated, and others, to attend. Seats will be reserved for the official delegates, foreign fraternal delegates to the Congress, and members of the Nurses' Societies forming the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and for all 3s. ticket holders of the Congress. Nurses wishing to be present can have a free ticket for this interesting occasion.

Mr. C. J. Viner, for many years the organist of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Red Lion Square, and Lay Secretary of the Universities Mission, has most kindly consented to preside at the organ.

THE LUNCHEON.

The luncheon at the Gaiety Restaurant, in honour of the President, Hon. Officers, and Delegates of the International Council, is necessarily of a limited character, as only 180 seats are available, and upwards of 120 foreign guests are to be invited. The remaining tickets, price 5s., will in the first instance be sold to the officers and delegates from Nurses' Societies forming the Grand Council of the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and application for them by these ladies should be made *at once* to Mrs. Walter Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.

The following ladies will act as hostesses, at the luncheon:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Walter Spencer, Miss Forrest, Miss Mollett, Miss Cartwright and Miss Hurston of the Registered Nurses' Society, and Miss Huxley, of Dublin. Both the "At Home" at St. John's House and Miss Isla Stewart's Reception will be by invitation card; for the latter, cards will be sent, or will await the arrival of, all foreign guests who are members of the Congress.

THE CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

Reports were made of the progress of the arrangements for the Congress and Exhibition.

To avoid disappointment to those wishing to attend, the Opening Session of the Congress will be held in the Large Hall, at the Church House, on Tuesday, July 20th, and also the Session on "The Nurse as Patriot," on the

afternoon of Thursday, July 22nd. At other times meetings will be held simultaneously in the Council Chamber and Small Hall at Caxton Hall throughout the Congress, the conferences in the latter to be of an informal nature.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions were agreed to:—

1. Inviting the President of the American Federation of Nurses, and Fraulein Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association, to honour the Congress by accepting the position of Hon. President.

2. Expressing the appreciation of the Council of the gracious interest taken by the Dowager Queen Sophia of Sweden in the organisation of trained nurses in Sweden, with the result that a large and representative delegation of Matrons and nurses will attend the Congress.

3. That an expression of appreciation be sent to the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid for offering hospitality to the whole Congress.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid has issued her invitation "to meet the American Delegates to the International Congress of Nurses."

It was agreed to hold the *Conversazione* on July 20th at the Doré Gallery, in Bond Street, W., and to invite all the Presidents of National Councils of Nurses to act as hostesses.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION.

At a meeting of the American Federation of Nurses, held at Minneapolis, U.S.A., on June 9th, the following delegates were appointed to attend the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, to be held at the Church House in London on July 19th next.

Mrs. Hampton Robb, R.N., late President of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., President, American Federation of Nurses, Superintendent of the Nurse Training School of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York.

Miss Jane A. Delano, R.N., President, the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States; late Superintendent, Nurse Training School, Bellevue Hospital, New York; Secretary of the Committee on Nursing Service of the New York Branch of the Red Cross.

Miss Nancy E. Cadmus, R.N., late Superintendent, S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, New York, and

Miss Anna C. Maxwell, R.N., Superintendent of the Nurse Training School, Presbyterian Hospital, New York.

The following lady was elected as alternate:—

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