

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Those who are hoping to attend the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Helsingfors in July both as Official Delegates representing the National Council of their country on the Grand Council, or as Fraternal Delegates, taking part in the meetings of the Congress convened at the same time and place, are making inquiries as to the cost, and arrangements.

Much depends upon the cost, and a nurse said to us only the other day: "I must exercise rigid economy from now till then, but I must go." We are glad, therefore, to be able to give official information, sent to us by Miss Christiane Reimann, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, as to the approximate cost of attending the meeting, together with other information.

Arrangements and Accommodation for the Stay in Finland.

Arrangements are being made for accommodating the visitors during the Congress in Helsingfors. In order that a sufficient number of rooms can be placed at the disposal of the participants, both in hotels and in private homes, it is important to know just how many there will be, and therefore, it is urged upon those intending to go, to write for reservations immediately. Arrangements must be made through the Committee on Arrangements, *Kirurgiska Sjukhuset, Helsingfors*, who ask to have all applications before *April 1st*. Please write a brief and clear application indicating:—

- 1.—Name, address, and position of applicant.
- 2.—Type of room desired in Helsingfors.
- 3.—Probable date of arrival and length of stay.

A registration fee for the Congress of 5s. 6d. is payable on arrival at which time the detailed program and badge will be available.

Before and after the Congress excursions will be arranged for lasting 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, or 9 days. These trips—comprising old castles and beautiful scenery, including Imatra, the most voluminous waterfall of Europe, and different institutions interesting to nurses can be taken individually, or by groups. Travel in Finland is not expensive and can be done at an average daily cost of M. 250, or about £1 5s. 6d. Please note on the application blank if any of these excursions interest you, and state the duration of days desired. More details concerning the excursions can be obtained from the Committee on Arrangements.

Preliminary Program.

July 20th.

Arrival at Helsingfors.

Morning and afternoon: Business meetings of officers and delegates. Registration. Musical Church Service.

Evening: Welcome to the delegates and guests. Addresses by prominent speakers on International movements in relation to nursing.

July 21st.

Morning and afternoon: General Sessions, especially concerned with the work of the International Council.

Evening: Introduction of new members.

July 22nd.

Morning: General Session on "Administration and Teaching in Schools of Nursing."

Afternoon and evening: Excursions.

July 23rd.

Morning: General Session on "Public Health Nursing."

Afternoon: General Session on "Special Fields of Nursing."

Evening: Open Meeting.

July 24th.

Morning: General Session on "Nursing Legislation."

Afternoon: Meeting of Officers and Delegates.

Evening: General Session on "Nursing Associations and Publications."

July 25th.

Morning: Boat ride.

Afternoon: Social gathering and farewell.

Although it is not yet possible to draw up the full schedule for the meetings, arrangements have already been made for a series of interesting addresses and discussions by leading authorities in nursing from many lands and also from representatives of Public Health and Social Welfare work. A number of Round Tables have been arranged in order to give an opportunity for small groups to discuss informally the most pressing problems coming up in relation to special fields of nursing. Arrangements will be made for special groups to meet for luncheons and dinners.

The Preliminary Programme in fuller detail, together with the subjects to be discussed at the Round Tables, will be found in our October issue, page 229.

Travelling and Accommodation before and after the Congress.

BENNETT'S TRAVEL BUREAU has been appointed Transportation Manager to the Congress, and all bookings should be arranged through them. For details of schedules and rates apply to one of the following offices of BENNETT'S TRAVEL BUREAU, or their agents:—

London	66, Haymarket, S.W.1.
Paris	4, Rue Scribe.
Berlin	Interpreter's Office, Stettiner Bahnhof
Rome	18, Piazza del Popolo.
Amsterdam	25, Leidschestraat.
Brussels	V. Bull & Cie, Place Brancqere.
Basel	Reisebureau Zwilchenbart, A. G., Centralbahnplatz 9.
Copenhagen	47, Raadhushplads.
Stockholm	8, Vasagatan.
Oslo (Christiania)...	35, Karl Johansgate.
New York	500, Fifth Avenue.
Helsingfors	A. B. Finland's Resebureau, Norra Esplanadgatan.

Notes on the Northern Countries of Europe.

Many going to the Congress will undoubtedly wish to spend a little time visiting the countries of Northern Europe. We are, therefore, giving a brief description of what there is to see in these countries, with suggestions for tours, that can be taken before or after the Congress in this and subsequent issues.

Finland, beautiful "Land of a Thousand Lakes."

Northern Europe has grown in popularity with the tourist ever since the World War. Finland is less known than the three neighbouring Scandinavian countries, because of its situation away from the beaten track. He who visits Finland, will, however, find the trip worth while, and be pleasantly surprised at the beauty and scenic charm of the country. He will find hills covered by deep pine or fir forests, here and there intersected by leafy groves, and all around large and small lakes, in deep calm waters of which the surrounding trees are mirrored in the fairy-like light of the north.

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