

## NURSES' ORGANIZATION.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The full Programme of the Meeting of Directors and the "Interim" Conference to be held at Geneva from July 26th to July 30th, was published in our April issue, pages 90 to 92. We hope members of the affiliated Societies forming the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain have studied it carefully. Time is getting on, and those able to attend the Conference which opens on July 27th, at 8.30 p.m. in the Salle Centrale, 10, Place de la Madeline, Geneva, should send in their names to Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, N.C.N., 39, Portland Place, where a room is at the disposal of the Council free of cost, as formerly, at 431, Oxford Street, W., for the past twenty-five years.

As we reported last month, the President of the Administrative Committee of French Railways has notified that the railways have decided to grant a reduction of 50 per cent. to participants in the Conference.

The Minister of Railways in Belgium notifies a reduction of 35 per cent. on the normal price of tickets for persons travelling second or third class to Geneva to take part in the International Conference.

Miss Reimann writes from International Headquarters, 1, Place du Lac Geneva, with regard to these facilities that they will have to be arranged by the National Societies, and names and particulars sent to her for endorsement, so that the necessary documents may be supplied and returned to these Societies. We hope for further details shortly.

With regard to suitable clothes Miss Reimann writes that as Geneva is usually rather warm in July she would suggest clothes similar to those required for the Helsingfors Congress, but if excursions into the mountains are contemplated some warm things would be needed.

Miss Nina D. Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses, is at present in America. Her temporary address is Willard Parker Hospital, 16th Street, Avenue C, New York, U.S.A.

The Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses has appointed Mademoiselle Jeanne de Joannis, Secretary of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Duty Nursing. The special problems to be considered by this Committee will be decided upon at the Meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held in Geneva, in July.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will meet at an early date to consider several important matters, amongst them (1) the recommendation of speakers for the Interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva in July, (2) the question of the Bazaar in support of the Funds of the International and National Councils. It has been found by the Hon. Officers impracticable to arrange for a Bazaar at the end of May, as was suggested by the Executive of the National Council, and it is not advisable to have it later in the season, therefore it would appear well to defer it until the autumn, possibly October.

As our subscription to the International Council for the first half year is due, and a number to the Associations affiliated to the National Council prefer to pay the per capita fee, the Hon. Treasurer (Miss M. Breay) will be glad to receive those of Associations which prefer this method, and have not already paid. They should be

addressed to her at 39, *Portland Place*, London, W.1. Please note change of address.

This brings us to another announcement. The Registered Nurses Society has now moved to 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. For many years a number of other professional Societies of Nurses have had the use of the Board Room at 431, Oxford Street, W.1, for their meetings. We are glad to announce that the same privilege will still be extended to them by the Registered Nurses Society at 39, Portland Place, and we hope all those whom it affects will take note.

Miss Carson Rae, who has kindly been making enquiries in regard to the possible organization of a party for the International Conference in Geneva, writes that she is informed by agencies that for a party of not less than twenty-five there would be a reduction of 30 per cent., which would mean roughly a reduction from £7 10s. to about £5 10s., for the return ticket, second class, and there would be other small charges for the reserving of seats.

In communicating with her, correspondents should state whether an hotel or pension is required, and whether a single or two bedded room. They should see that passports are in order, and she asks that applications should reach her on or before May 15th.

There are no sleeping berths in second class carriages.

### LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League will be held on July 9th, in the Anatomical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the Social Gathering in the Great Hall. A new President is to be elected—upon the retirement of Miss McIntosh—and a Scheme for starting a League Country Club will be discussed. Guy's Nurses' League has long enjoyed a Country Cottage and playground, which has proved very successful.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Spring "At Home" of the University College Hospital Nurses' League will be held on Saturday, May 14th, 1927, at 3.30 p.m., at the Trained Nurses' Institute, Huntley Street, W.C.1.

### THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.

The annual council meeting of the Irish Nurses' Union, of 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, will be held in the Irish Women Workers' Union Offices, 7 and 8 Eden Quay, on Tuesday, May 24th, commencing at 10 a.m.

The following are among the subjects on the agenda:—Organisation, conditions of service for nurses in county hospitals and homes; registered badge and uniform for midwives; remuneration for temporary duty; pension fund scheme; housing and salaries of district midwives.

All members of the Union are welcome, but only delegates and executive committee members and officers can take part in the business and vote.

Admission by membership card. It is hoped there will be a large attendance as the subjects are of great interest and importance to all engaged in the nursing profession.

K. N. PRICE, *Secretary*.

### THE TRAINED NURSES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The Trained Nurses' Association of South Africa has invited Miss J. C. Child to represent the Association at the Meeting of the Board of Directors to meet at Geneva, on July 25th, an excellent choice, as the President of the T.N.A. of South Africa is not able to be present. Miss Child, as an experienced internationalist, knows all the ropes, and is to be trusted to act with discretion where decision is required.

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