

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

### AN EPIC STORY.

All nurses setting out next month to attend the great International Congress of Nurses at Montreal should study as far as possible the history of Canada. We are at present entranced with the study of the epic story of France in Canada, told in two fascinating volumes by Professor George M. Wrong, under the title of "The Rise and Fall of New France," which deserves to be one of the most popular books on Imperial history—Heroism—Martyrdom—how the great men and women live in these gages, Cartier, Champlain, Bishop Laval, Frontenac, La Salle, Jeanne Mance. No visitor to Canada should miss a visit to the Plains of Abraham at Quebec, where lies buried the great General Wolfe, or fail to pay homage to the tomb of Montcalm.

Mlle. Chaptal, President, and the contingent of members of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France should, and no doubt will, receive special honour in Montreal, founded centuries ago by the zealous explorers and missionaries from France, many of whom suffered martyrdom at the hands of the Iriquois, before the red man realised that his white brother must be obeyed.

Canada is the oldest of the great British Dominions, but the Province of Quebec was French when conquered—by overwhelming British arms backed by sea power—and in thought and speech remains French to this day, though a community most loyal to the British flag.

### What to See.

Those who have time, and money, to travel further afield after the Congress will find much to interest and enthral them. Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls, and a visit to the United States of America will provide unforgettable memories. Washington, Arlington, Mount Vernon, Philadelphia, including Independence Hall, Boston, New York and its wonderful harbour, and other places of historic as well as professional interest should on no account be missed.

### Important.

Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, will be obliged if all members of the Congress will notify her of their names, addresses and official positions and of the date of their arrival in Montreal in order that they may find the necessary papers in readiness for them when they call at Congress Headquarters on arrival. This is important.

### Room Reservations.

The Committee on Arrangements in Montreal writes:—As the hotel accommodation is being reserved rapidly, and in event of there being no hotel accommodation available, when sending applications, please state whether you would be willing to accept such accommodation as the committee can arrange.

Please note that it is necessary that each nurse when making application for accommodation should state her name, address, and official position. Application, with this information, if not already made, should be made AT ONCE to the Executive Secretary, Committee on Arrangements, International Council of Nurses, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

### International Catholic Guild.

The International Catholic Guild of Trained Nurses is also convening a Conference to be held in Montreal on July 5th, 6th and 7th, and nurses from this country desiring to attend this Conference would probably find the *Ascania* the most convenient boat.

Invitations have been sent to groups of nurses in Europe to attend the Conference, and there will be special Sessions for the Sisters who attend.

The Headquarters of the International Catholic Guild of Nurses are at the Auditorium Hotel, Suite 142, Chicago, Ill.

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

A Conjoint Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Montreal Congress Sub-Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. on Tuesday, April 30th, at 4.30 p.m.

There was present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President) in the Chair, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss S. A. Villiers and Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C. (Vice Presidents), Miss H. L. Pearse (Hon. Secretary), Miss M. Breay (Hon. Treasurer), Miss F. E. Brownsdon, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss H. Lamb (Directors), Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Cuthbert, Miss Beatrice Kent, Miss A. S. Marshall, Miss E. E. Fowler, Presidents of Affiliated Associations, and Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Miss M. A. Gullan and Miss Isabel Macdonald, members of the Congress Sub-Committee.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., and Miss Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C. (Directors), and Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., Miss Bullivant, Miss Alice Cattell, Miss G. M. Simms, R.R.C., Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C., Miss R. E. Wallace, R.R.C. and Miss M. E. Williamson, Presidents of Affiliated Associations.

The President reported that a gracious reply had been received from the Queen to the expression of loyal devotion and sympathy sent from the Annual Meeting to His Majesty the King at a critical stage of his illness.

### Election of Substitute Delegates.

The next business was to consider letters from Miss H. L. Pearse and Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, two of the ladies appointed to act as Official Delegates on the Grand Council of the National Council at Montreal. Miss Pearse wrote with deep regret to resign this position, as she had been very seriously ill and was forbidden by her doctors to undertake the journey.

Mrs. Andrews also wrote resigning the position, as her only son was to be married this summer, and it was therefore impossible for her to leave England to attend the International Congress at Montreal.

These letters were received with very great regret, and it was agreed in acknowledging Miss Pearse's resignation of the position of Delegate to express to her the sorrow of the Committee for the reason which necessitated it.

The election of substitutes was then considered.

The President reported that as the matter was urgent she had communicated with two of the Vice-Presidents, Miss A. Lloyd-Still and Miss S. A. Villiers (the third, Miss E. M. Musson, being an International Officer) asking if they would act if elected.

Miss Lloyd-Still, she regretted to say, replied that she was quite unable to accept the position, as she could not leave in time to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, Miss Villiers replied that she would accept office if elected, and could leave by the *Ascania* on June 21st. She was thereupon elected.

For the second vacancy two names were put forward, and on a vote being taken, Miss E. F. Brownsdon, a Director of the Council, and a delegate upon it of the L.C.C. School Nurses Social Union, was elected.

### An Alteration in the Congress Programme.

A letter from Miss C. Reimann, Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, was next considered. Miss Reimann wrote that she had received a letter from Miss Jean Gunn, Chairman of the Programme Committee, asking her to arrange for a speaker for the meeting of the Nursing Education Section on "Organisation of Post

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