

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We have now received from Miss Jean I. Gunn (Chairman of the Committee on Programme of the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Montreal from July 8th to 13th), the names of the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain invited to take part in the Congress Programme as Chairmen and Speakers, upon the nomination of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. These are:—

General Sessions.

July 9th, 8 p.m.—*Chairman*, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Founder and Hon. President International Council of Nurses. "Introduction of newly-affiliated National Organisations." It is proposed that "The Watchword" shall be given by Mrs. Fenwick at this meeting.

July 9th, 9.30 a.m.—"Exchange Scholarships." *Speaker*, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

July 12th, 2 p.m.—"The Need for Publicity in Nursing." *Speaker*, Miss G. Cowlin, S.R.N., Librarian, College of Nursing.

Meetings of Sections.

Nursing Education Section.

July 11th, 3 p.m.—"Legislation as Related to Nursing." *Speaker*, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Private Duty Section.

July 11th, 3 p.m.—"Developments in Private Nursing." *Speaker*, Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association, Superintendent of Royal British Nurses' Association's Co-operation of Private Nurses.

Round Tables.

July 10th, 9.30 a.m.—Round Table A. "The Need of Education in Mental Nursing in the General Nursing Curriculum." *Chairman*, Miss S. C. Hearder, R.M.N., Matron, Bethlem Royal Hospital, London.

July 11th, 9 a.m.—"Maternal Care." *Chairman* (still to be appointed. Nominee selected not able to attend Congress).

July 12th, 9.30 a.m.—"Community Organisation for Health Work." *Chairman*, Miss H. L. Pearse, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council.

Official Arrangements for the International Congress of Nurses in Montreal, July, 1929.

All arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors during the week of the Congress are in the hands of the Committee on Arrangements of the International Council of Nurses, of which Miss M. F. Hersey (President of the Canadian Nurses' Association and Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal), is Chairman.

It is particularly desired by the Committee on Arrangements that each visitor will send them the following information by letter at an early date, and in any case before May 1st: (1) Her name, position, and address; (2) type of room desired (maximum price, whether single or otherwise); (3) proposed date of arrival and length of stay in Montreal.

For a certain number of visitors from various countries, accommodation, by the generosity of the Canadian nurses, will be provided free of charge. For others, rooms have been secured in hotels, convents, and boarding houses, varying from 1 dollar (4s. 2d.) to 5 dollars a day, exclusive of food. The rates in the large hotels vary from 3 dollars to 12 dollars a day.

Landing Facilities and Passport Arrangements.

Visitors to the Congress will not have any difficulty in entering Canada provided they are in possession of valid passports and in a position to satisfy the Immigration Officer at the place of arrival as to their purpose in visiting the country. In this case no visa is required. Persons who are allowed entry as tourists or visitors must be in possession of sufficient means to ensure their maintenance during the whole time of their stay and to provide for their return.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Details of arrangements as to ocean travel from Southampton to Montreal by the *Ascania*, leaving this country on June 21st, and the *Alaunia* on June 28th (Cunard Line), and also by the *Duchess of Richmond* (Canadian Pacific Line), leaving Liverpool on June 28th, will be found on page 27.

NOSOKOMOS, HOLLAND.

We have, with regret, received the following intimation from Nosokomos, the Dutch Association of Nurses:—

We beg to inform you in the name of the Editor of *Nosokomos* that, from January, 1929, our weekly will not be issued for the present. We do thank you for the willingness with which you sent your issue in exchange of ours.

Yours most sincerely,

M. VERWEY MEJAN,

Secretary of Nosokomos.

Amsterdam.

Only those who are concerned with keeping a free voice in the Press for nurses know the constant work and financial anxiety entailed.

The National Bond.

We have received a copy of the *Orgaan van den Nationalen Bond van Verplegenden* from which we gather that the original Bond founded in 1904, and Nosokomos founded in 1906 (the two Associations of Nurses in Holland, the former including medical practitioners, and the latter composed of Nurses only) have come together by a free vote, and formed the National Bond (Union) of Nurses. We note that the President of the National Bond is Miss L. de Bussy Kruysse, and that included in the Committee—all of whom are trained Nurses—is Miss Meta Kehrer, formerly President of Nosokomos. The editorial staff of the official organ is composed of Nurses, which states that "the National Bond of Nurses follows directly in the steps of 'Nosokomos'."

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Recent meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League gave a vivid impression of the world-wide and varied work of members overseas. Messages received showed the widely separated fields to which members went forth—Palestine, India, Singapore, China, and Africa, north south, east and west. Even more illuminating was the talk given by Miss Richardson, aided by a map on which ten green flags represented the members overseas in 1905, and 358 red flags those overseas to-day. Miss Richardson told about the work being done by some of these, taking typical stations in the South Seas Islands, various parts of China, India, Africa and South America, and showing the variety of the work in big up-to-date hospitals, or in village itinerating, in training-school, leper work and welfare centres, among wild Afghan tribesmen or villagers of the plains. Details of work in individual hospitals were given by Miss F. N. Gifford of Jiaganj, India, and by Miss E. A. Thomas of Persia, both of whom emphasised especially the work still waiting to be done. Miss Gifford told of the lives of the women in the villages and their pathetic urgent need of help, and of the countless opportunities met by the Medical workers of showing that "somebody cares."

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