

NIGHTINGALE WEEK.

When a few weeks ago the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain agreed to invite the members of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the International Council of Nurses to be its guests and to take counsel with it in London from July 4th to 9th, and personally discuss the Scheme for organising a Florence Nightingale International Foundation; and, at the same time, be brought into touch with what remains to us of her environment during life—we realised that owing to next year's quadrennial meeting of the I.C.N. in Paris, and Brussels, we could not expect many of our colleagues from beyond seas to visit Europe this summer. We may, however, congratulate ourselves that the invitation of our National Council has resulted in the attendance of the following influential members of the I.C.N.

Mlle. Chaptal, President, International Council of Nurses, and President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France.

Miss C. Reimann, Secretary, I.C.N.

Mlle. Hellemans, President, National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

Sister Bergliot Larsson, President, Norwegian Nurses' Association.

Miss Venny Snellman, President, National Council of Nurses of Finland.

Miss Inge Funding, Matron, Almindelig Hospital, Copenhagen, nominated by the Danish Council of Nurses.

Miss M. Serton, The Nosokomos (Dutch Nurses' Association), Holland, nominated by the President.

Miss Nicodimova, nominated by the Bulgarian Nurses' Association.

Miss G. M. Fairley, Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, Vancouver, nominated by President, Canadian Nurses' Association (Chairman of the Nursing Education Section).

Miss F. Kenyon of The Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, nominated by the President of the Trained Nurses' Association of India.

Mrs. Strong, President, Scottish Nurses' Association.

Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chief, Nursing Section, League of Red Cross Societies, Paris.

Hospitality in the various Nurses' Clubs has been offered by the President of the National Council of Nurses, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, the Association of Hospital Matrons, the League of Red Cross Societies, Miss Macaulay, Miss Rundle, and Miss Cowlin, and from the following Programme it will be realised that our International Guests are in for a strenuous time, during which we feel sure they will find time to discuss the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Scheme, not only in Conference, but in "Conversations," after the order of international proceedings amongst august statesmen. Several letters of sympathy have been received from colleagues overseas, unable to be present. Others express fears of an appeal in these times of financial stress, but the fact remains that we have waited twenty years since the original proposal was agreed at Cologne in 1912, for an opportunity to render homage to the memory of Florence Nightingale, and now that the psychological moment has arrived *we hope the nurses of the whole world are going to grasp it.*

The following professional and social events will take place in Nightingale Week:—

NIGHTINGALE WEEK PROGRAMME.

MONDAY, JULY 4TH.

- 11 A.M. Conference on the "Florence Nightingale International Foundation," 39, Portland Place, W.1. (Headquarters, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair.
- 1.30 P.M. Luncheon of Welcome to International Guests by the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, The United Nursing Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, W.1.
- 3.30 P.M. British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place. Exhibition of Records of historical interest in connection with Miss Florence Nightingale. Reception and tea by invitation of President and Members of the Council.
- 7.45 P.M. Association of Hospital Matrons. Dinner in honour of the International Guests. The Cowdray Club, 20, Cavendish Square, W.1.
- 9 P.M. to 11 P.M. Reception by the President and Council of the College of Nursing, of the International Guests in the College Hall, 1, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.

TUESDAY, JULY 5TH.

- 9.30 A.M. 39, Portland Place, W.1. Motor Coach to East Wellow. Visit of homage to the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale by invitation of the President and Council of the British College of Nurses. Visit to Embley Park and Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. J. J. Crosfield (High Sheriff for Hampshire) and Mrs. Crosfield. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH.

- 11 A.M. Visit to No. 15, Manchester Square, W.1. The Residence of the International Students, studying at Bedford College for Women, by invitation of the League of Red Cross Societies.
- 4 P.M. St. Thomas's Hospital, Inaugural Meeting, "National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain." The International Delegates are invited to attend.
- 7.30 P.M. The Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. Dinner in honour of the International Guests.

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH.

- 11 A.M. Visit to the College of Nursing, 1, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.
- 12 NOON. Visit to Headquarters of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, W.1.
- 3 P.M. Bedford College for Women, University of London. Presentation of Certificates by Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl, D.B.E., M.P., to the Students who have completed the International Courses. By invitation of the Council of Bedford College, and The League of Red Cross Societies.

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