

- 8.30 P.M. The Old Internationals Association (League of Red Cross Societies) Annual Dinner. Cowdray Club, Cavendish Square, to which the International Guests are invited.

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH.

- 2.30 P.M. Visit to St. Bartholomew's Hospital to include the Memorial Library to the late Miss Isla Stewart, a Founder Councillor of the International Council of Nurses, 1899. Visit to the Tomb of Rahere in the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great.
- 8 P.M. Dinner in honour of the International Guests. By invitation of Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, in the Nightingale Home.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES AND THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

When the International Council of Nurses met in Cologne in 1912 those who were present well remember its splendour and glamour. So much soul and spirit—such entrancing music, such exquisite living pictures, such gay company, all combined to produce just the tone of colour and sound, inspiring in the highest degree.

It was at the Banquet held in the splendid gold and white ballroom of the Hotel Disch on the evening of August 7th, 1912, that after expressing her pleasure at the great success of the Congress, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick urged that all the splendid vitality characterising the members of the Congress must not be allowed to evaporate, but should be utilised for some practical purpose, and that after consultation with Miss Nutting and others, she had the honour to propose that at the Cologne Congress steps should be taken to institute an appropriate memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. Miss Nightingale was above all nationality, and belonged to every age and every country. She was endowed with the genius to realise that nursing must follow scientific medicine as its handmaid.

To fulfil this great mission aright, those who practised it must be adequately equipped, and her proposition was that the nurses of the world should co-operate to found an educational memorial, in memory of Miss Nightingale which would not only benefit the nurses of the world, but the sick whom they served. It was peculiarly appropriate that the proposition, which she hoped would commend itself to those present, should be made at Cologne, near to Kaiserswerth, where Miss Nightingale came to learn the fundamental principles of the art which she afterwards practised and taught for the benefit of humanity.

Sister Karll, in thanking Mrs. Fenwick for her kind personal words, expressed on behalf of German nurses high approval of the proposal made by her.

Miss M. A. Nutting said that she had no hesitation in answering for American nurses—not any. No one for a day could withhold their support to a proposition for the endowment of an educational memorial in her honour—a real memorial to Florence Nightingale could take no other form; and it should be founded in the country where Florence Nightingale lived her life, and where she left her greatest memorial.

Miss M. A. Snively, as one of the Foundation Members of the International Council of Nurses, and a past President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, expressed her complete sympathy with the proposition. "Pioneers pass, but leave behind them a world transformed out of the resemblance to that on which they opened their eyes."

Later Miss Nutting was nominated as chair of the Provisional Memorial Committee and Miss L. L. Dock visited London and communicated with Bedford College for Women on the proposed scheme. Results however did not materialise. Soon came the clash of arms—and chaos, after which time no serious effort was made to organise a scheme. In 1929, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was elected at the Montreal Meeting of the I.C.N. to succeed Miss Carrie Hall of Boston, U.S.A., as chair of the Memorial Committee and presented a suggestive Report to the Board of Directors at its Meeting at Geneva in June, 1931, when it was agreed that the form of the foundation should be educational and be centred in London. Owing to circumstances we believe the psychological moment has now arrived when the matter must be considered and when action should be taken.

We greatly hope that after attending "Nightingale Week," those who have taken part in it will be inspired to render homage and service in support of the organisation of a living "Florence Nightingale International Foundation" through which her irradiant spirit may inspire knowledge on the laws of health and happiness, the remedial care and comfort of the sick, and the true organisation of international sympathy amongst the nurses of the world.

Each hostess Society is organising its hospitality in its own way and cards have been issued for each function. International guests will, it is hoped, be able to accept all invitations which will be found in the official Programme for "Nightingale Week."

PEACE IN OUR TIME.

Soul of all peace—to Whom all nations pray—
To Whom all cry in this our judgment day—
In all Thy troubled earth, in all Thy lands,
Young children clasp their pure and helpless hands,
Young maidens weep, and young men vow to Thee,
For the great gift of peace and liberty.

Hear, Lord, each prayer—and let each nation know
The source of every victory below :
The purity that binds us to refrain,
The tenderness that seeks no selfish aim,
Lead all the scattered, that in anguish roam,
To their One Fatherland, to Thee, their Home :
Then only, truly, shall our lands be free,
And brothers all, join in one victory.

Light of all lights!—let every shade disperse.
And Thy great day rise o'er the universe !
Radiant and glad let all Thy children be
On that fair morn, that has its dawn in Thee !
Then all the mists of night like dreams shall flee
And all Thy sons of Light have unity.

Anthem of Love! Our hearts with love inspire.
To join with human faith Thy heavenly choir,
Let discords melt to harmonies that cease
In one great final chaunt of perfect peace :
Then only, truly shall our lands be free
And brothers all join in one victory.

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