

TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Those Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain who wish to attend the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to open in Paris on July 10th next, should, as soon as possible, apply for an Identification Certificate and Form of Registration to Miss Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Each member can then make her own arrangements with Thos. Cook and Son, according to the Itinerary agreed upon by the Executive Committee, N.C.N.

A copy of the Itinerary Leaflet issued by Thos. Cook and Son will be enclosed by Miss Villiers, with the Identification Certificate and Registration Form. All business must be concluded with Thos. Cook and Son not later than June 23rd.

If these simple instructions are conformed with, the Members will be saved trouble in making arrangements to attend the Congress.

To judge from the applications for Identification Certificates, we are glad to note that already we are sure of a very representative group of Nurses at the forthcoming Congress, Paris-Brussels. Let us hope they will take an active part in the debates.

OUR OFFICIAL ORGAN.

All official information appears in the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, which has been the Official Organ of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain since it was founded in 1904.

THE HISTORY DINNER.

The arrangements for holding the History Dinner by the British College of Nurses at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, on May 4th, are now almost complete.

The Dinner will be held in the Ball Room which lends itself admirably to such a function—and already nearly all the 170 tickets available are sold, the members of the College and their friends, no doubt having in memory former occasions on which they have met around the festive board, and enjoyed fine speeches, an excellent menu, and delightful company.

This year the Council, many members of which are deeply interested in Nursing History, and its association for many centuries with higher civilisation, arranged to recall to the guests the beneficent influence of Historic Royal Nurses, who in centuries past played so noble a part in the world's progress.

The eight Royal Nurses, who will be seated on golden chairs in the centre of the room opposite the Chair, which is to be taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the President, will wear fine period costumes (somewhat etherealised), their crowns, jewels, and emblems. They will enter the room in procession, after the guests are seated, and should present a very imposing octave.

1. The Empress Helena (Saint), Mother of Constantine the Great, Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N. Robe, golden brocade and purple velvet mantle, white veil, jewelled Cross.

2. Margaret of Scotland (an Anglo-Saxon Princess), wife of Malcolm Canmore, King of Scotland. Miss Shelagh Nunn Patrick. Kirtle pale green, and white velvet mantle, white veil and long golden plaits—so renowned in history.

3. Matilda of Scotland (surnamed The Good), wife of Henry I, who gave lands to Rahere, on which to build St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., M.B.C.N., nominated by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Robe *vieux rose* and gold brocade—and rose velvet mantle.

4. Matilda of Boulogne, wife of Stephen. Miss E. J. Haswell, M.B.C.N. Kirtle, gold and mauve silk and mauve velvet mantle.

5. Marguerite de Provence, wife of Saint Louis, King of France. Miss Beatrice Treasure, F.B.C.N. Robe, azure blue and silver brocade, embroidered in silver, Royal blue mantle.

5. Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I., Miss L. G. Duff Grant, nominated by the Association of Hospital Matrons. Kirtle, orange and gold brocade and flame velvet mantle.

6. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (The Holy Elizabeth), wife of Louis Langraf of Thuringia. Miss Rosemary Eley. Robe, peach blue and gold brocade and peach pink mantle.

8. Philippa of Hainault, wife of Edward III of England, and mother of the Black Prince. Mrs. Christian Bedford Fenwick. Dress, cream and gold brocade, and crimson velvet coat, trimmed ermine, and Order of the Garter (dark blue).

Guests of Honour have been invited whose names are well known as historians, and others associated with the three splendid Royal Foundations of the City of London to grace the high table. As already announced, after the Loyal Toasts, Miss Isabel Macdonald will deliver the Oration on the beneficent and saintly lives of the eight Historic Royal Nurses.

Success to the Three Royal Foundations: St. Bartholomew's Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital and the Bethlem Royal Hospital, will follow, on which the speakers will be respectively: Sir D'Arcy Power, K.B.E., M.A., F.R.C.S., Dr. F. G. Parsons, D.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.C.S., F.S.A., author of "The History of St. Thomas's Hospital" from the earliest times until A.D. 1600; and Dr. J. G. Porter Phillips, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician-Superintendent, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

Success to the History Section of the British College of Nurses will be proposed by Miss G. Le Geyt.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., will Welcome the Guests, and Sir George Turner, K.B.E., C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Late Surgeon Rear-Admiral, Royal Navy, Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C., and author of "Mary Stuart: Forgotten Forgeries," will respond for the guests.

The Chair will be proposed by Miss Irene Ward, M.P. for Wallsend, whose eloquence and sound political policy sent her to Parliament with an overwhelming majority.

We are anticipating a very gay and memorable gathering.

Medals and Decorations will be worn.

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