

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO OUR PRESIDENT.

We feel sure our colleagues in Great Britain will desire us to express to Mlle. Chaptal, the President of our International Council of Nurses, their earnest hope that the year 1933 will bring her all happiness and success; holding, as she does, a position in the nursing world of such far-reaching influence, with every moment of her time devoted to the success of the forthcoming gathering in Paris-Brussels in July—we would wish her to know that we are out to help her all we can, and hope to be present in our hundreds to take an active part in the wonderful Congress to be. With Mlle. Chaptal we associate Mlle. Hellemans, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses and Chairman of the Programme Committee, who will be our hostess in Brussels, and who has already won our hearts during Nightingale Week in London.

At an early date it is hoped to issue the Final Programme of the Meeting of the Grand Council I.C.N. and the Congress, where the meetings will be held, etc. While it is fully realised that it is not possible for member organisations to indicate definitely how many persons from their country will attend the Congress, rough estimates of the number who hope to attend would be very helpful to the French and Belgian Committees of Congress Arrangements to enable them to decide upon localities for the meetings of the Congress. Miss Reimann asks for such a list before March 1st, and to enable us to comply with her request, our Hon. Secretary, Miss S. A. Villiers, will be pleased to receive the names of those nurses affiliated in our National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, who hope to attend the Congress, so that an authentic list may be forwarded to Headquarters by the date named.

Later all Nurses of member organisations will on request, be provided with a certificate recommending their registration for the Congress. This certificate to be signed by the National President, is to be presented when the person in question registers in Paris or Brussels, and will enable the holder to avail herself of the facilities for reduced travelling and hotel fares, arranged through Messrs. Cook's Travel Service, by agreement with the Executive Committee of our N.C.N. These terms are not yet definitely agreed, as we are desirous of extending privileges, to give a wider choice of routes and prices.

Registration for Congress.

Registration will take place as follows:

Sunday, July 9th, 9.30 a.m. to 12 a.m.; 2.0 p.m. to 6 p.m. *Monday, July 10th, from 8.30 a.m. onwards* throughout the Congress, as necessary. The registration fee for the Congress is 50 French francs (about 8 shillings and sixpence); if admission is only desired for a single day the fee is 10 French francs or 15 Belgian francs.

Travel between Paris and Brussels.

The journey from Paris to Brussels will be undertaken in special trains, leaving Paris on the morning of Thursday, July 13th, and visiting Chantilly, the magnificent Royal Palace, donated by the late Duc d'Aumale to France. Luncheon will be served on the train. The total cost for this travel, inclusive of lunch, will be 115 French francs.

Reception of Newly Affiliated National Associations.

In order to make this meeting, at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will preside, as beautiful and impressive as possible, the Congress Programme Committee has arranged that the last item on the programme shall consist of living pictures (tableaux) including (a) National Nursing Pioneers, and (b) Royal Nurses. The Congress Committee invites

each member organisation of the I.C.N. to be responsible for appointing one nurse who will personify the National Heroine of Nursing of her country in a period dress, and participate in this picture. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will take a leading part by request of Mlle. Chaptal in arranging the Tableau of "Royal Nurses," who now prefers the representative for France shall be Marguerite de Provence, wife of Saint-Louis, and Queen of France in 1234.

Programme.

We would remind Members of the Board of Directors that its meetings will take place in Paris from July 4th to 6th, and Official Delegates that the meetings of the Grand Council will be held in Paris from July 7th to 8th.

Saturday, July 8th.

6 p.m.—Reception for Board of Directors and Grand Council at the Hotel de Ville, Paris.

Sunday, July 9th.

Morning.—Church Services: Roman Catholic, 11 a.m.
Protestant, 10.30 a.m.

Morning, Afternoon and Evening.—Various excursions and receptions.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

To facilitate business arrangements in connection with the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and the Congress, the President proposes (under Article X) to summon a meeting of the Executive Committee in February: (1) to receive a report from the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Sub-Committee; (2) to consider applications for affiliation; (3) to approve delegates; (4) to receive requests from Programme Committee, I.C.N., etc. Time passes so rapidly, that details of organisation must be taken in hand without delay.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

Reports of the most influential conference recently held at Delhi by the Trained Nurses' Association of India appear in its official organ for December. To quote from "Some Impressions," by Miss E. Morck: "The report on the International Council of Nurses' Congress Delegation Fund was very encouraging. Only a comparatively small effort still requires to be made to enable us to send two representatives—an Indian and a European—to Paris next year."

In this connection it is stated that a very remarkable and enthusiastic scene was enacted in Delhi when the amounts for this Fund were handed in from the various districts, and this truly noble sum, Rs. 2,462/14/3, was announced.

Miss Budda Singh, of Daryaganj, Delhi, has been chosen as Indian representative, and Mrs. E. A. Watts, Secretary and Treasurer, T.N.A.I., as the official representative to the Congress. It is estimated that about Rs. 3,000 will be required to meet all expenses, so that there is still a small balance to be subscribed to the Fund to enable India to take her rightful part in the World Congress of Nurses.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the T.N.A.I.; its representatives may be sure of an enthusiastic welcome in Europe.

THE LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

We always handle with pleasure the *Journal* of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, and December, 1932, maintains its quality.

The frontispiece shows us the south aspect of the Nurses'

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