

THE QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS, I.C.N., JULY, 1937.

A year hence the Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses is to be held in London. It is not too soon, however, for Nurses all over the world to make a note of it, as arrangements in the Coronation Year must be made well ahead.

The Congress Arrangements Committee have taken time by the forelock—but in mid September its work will become intensive.

Let us clearly define what has already been done:—

The members of the Board of Directors formed of the Hon. Officers and Presidents of some 40 National Member Associations, will be summoned to assemble at a General Reunion on Sunday, July 11th, 1937, at 39, Portland Place, London, together with the Official Delegates, four from each Country, who form the Grand Council of the International Council. At this Reception they will receive an official welcome from the Hon. Officers, Members of the Congress Committee and Vice-Presidents of the hostess National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Monday, July 12th, to Saturday, July 17th.—Meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council—as summoned in the Hall of the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square.

Sunday, July 18th.—Religious Services in morning, details to be announced later.

Monday, July 19th.—Opening Ceremony of Congress in Great Hall, Central Hall, Westminster. Organ recital. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., President I.C.N., will preside and deliver the Address of Welcome, supported on the platform by Presidents of National Member Associations and other eminent persons.

July 19th to 24th.—Sessions of Congress in three or four Halls.

The Programme Committee, instructed by the Board of Directors, has organised the Congress Programme in Four Sections, as follows:—

Section I.—Nursing Education.

Section II.—The Nursing Profession—Organisation and Administration.

Section III.—Public Health.

Section IV.—Some Nursing Problems.

These Sections have been sub-divided into Six Sessions under each section.

Chairs, Speakers, and Openers of Discussion will be invited, and names inserted on the programme. Time will be strictly allocated, and every encouragement given to speakers from the floor.

The Executive Secretary has from Headquarters invited the Presidents of National Member Associations to suggest subjects for discussion, and speakers—an exhaustive list of subjects has been received—the question of speakers is still under discussion.

Social Functions.

Already numerous important invitations have been received and accepted, and others are under consideration.

July 11th.—Official Reception at 39, Portland Place, W., of Members of Grand Council, by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

July 12th.—Hospitality by invitation of the British College of Nurses.

July 13th.—Dinner by invitation of Lord Stanmore, Treasurer, in the Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

July 14th.—Dinner by invitation of the Association of Hospital Matrons.

July 15th.—Dinner and Reception by invitation of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer, at St. Thomas's Hospital.

July 16th.—Visit to Grave of Miss Florence Nightingale, East Wellow.

Tea in Garden, and visit to Miss Nightingale's Home, at Embley Park, Hants—by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield.

July 17th.—Arrival Members of Congress.

July 18th.—Religious Services.

During the Congress week invitations and functions are under consideration. The London Hospital—one of the finest hospitals in the world—will be on view, and the Chairman, Sir William Goschen, has invited Members of Congress to tea and a visit of inspection of its instructive departments.

Visits to places of national interest will be arranged.

Future Arrangements.

It will be necessary for the various Committees, including the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses, and the various Congress Committees, to meet in September and October, when it is hoped members will have returned from their holidays as there will be an exhaustive programme to consider.

CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

The Congress Arrangements Committee will be summoned to meet on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 2.30 p.m., at 39 Portland Place, London, W.1.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

The students who will enter 15, Manchester Square, London, for the Courses at Bedford College this month are naturally highly elated that they will be in residence in Coronation Year. Indeed, they are to be congratulated on this account, and also that they will be able to attend the quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses.

NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE FORMED FOR CANADA.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for Canada will in future consist of seven members—three from the Red Cross Association, namely, Mrs. Plumtre, Toronto; Miss Jean I. Gunn, Toronto; and Mrs. Angus MacDonald, Vancouver—and four representatives of the Nurses' Association—Miss Ruby Simpson, President, Canadian Nurses' Association, Regina; Miss Grace Fairley, Vancouver; Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Ottawa; and Miss Jean Wilson, Executive Secretary, C.N.A.

Miss Caroline Elizabeth Sage has been chosen 1936-1937 Florence Nightingale Scholarship recipient for study in London. The Canadian Nurses have generously supported the appeal made through *The Canadian Nurse*, and for four years are forwarding £500 to London.—£250 to the Endowment Fund and £250 for a scholarship.

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