

Invitations and Arrangements for Hospitality, Grand Council Week.

The Chairman reported that letters of acceptance had been sent to Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of his kind invitation to entertain members of the Grand Council, I.C.N., to Dinner in the Great Hall, on Tuesday, July 13th, 1937, also to the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, of his invitation to entertain members of the Grand Council to Dinner in the Governors' Hall and a Reception on Thursday, July 15th, and also to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield, of Embley Park, for their invitation to tea to a hundred overseas delegates, after a visit to Miss Florence Nightingale's grave at East Wellow, on Friday, July 16th.

A coach to hold 25 persons, luncheon en route, etc., would cost £10. The Chairman suggested that possibly some of the affiliated Associations might like to contribute the cost of a coach.

Offers were at once received and accepted from the British College of Nurses, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, and the Association of Hospital Matrons, leaving one coach for which a tentative offer of cost had been offered.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still intimated her willingness to sponsor a coach if necessary.

Offers of Hospitality.

The Chairman reported in reference to the Dinner to be given by the Association of Hospital Matrons, that they would prefer to give it on Monday, July 12th, instead of on Wednesday, July 14th, as previously arranged.

This was agreed.

It would be well that no fixture should be made at present for July 14th.

Hospitality for Congress Week—Invitation from the London Hospital.

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. Arthur E. Elliott, House Governor of the London Hospital, conveying an invitation from the Chairman, Sir William Goschen, to Members of Congress.

"Sir William," he wrote, "would be very pleased indeed to entertain the delegates to tea on any afternoon during the Congress Week, and to arrange for them to be shown over any parts of the Hospital which might interest them."

The Committee received this kind invitation with great pleasure, realising the instructive value of the inspection of the scientific and practical departments of this world-renowned hospital.

The invitation on behalf of the delegates was accepted with pleasure.

The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

It was agreed to accept with thanks the invitation conveyed by Miss E. L. Macaulay, Chairman, Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, to a Garden Party to be held during Congress week at Bethlem Royal Hospital, for which she stated the Association would be pleased to defray the cost.

The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association.

The invitation from the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association to entertain at Luncheon fifty foreign delegates from municipal institutions had been accepted, and would be arranged.

Letters were considered from the Secretary and Matron of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, offering hospitality to members of the Congress. The suggestion is a Garden Party after a visit to Miss Nightingale's Grave at East Wellow, with members of the Court of Governors, the Committee of Management, the Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester, and other dignitaries of the city to welcome the guests.

It was agreed to further consider this very kind invitation to the City of Winchester—closely interwoven as its ancient monuments are with the history of England.

A letter from Miss M. L. Borne, Matron of Papworth Village Settlement, offering to entertain a group of members of the Congress, and to show them its very special work in the treatment of tuberculosis; this invitation was accepted provisionally.

In a letter considered the College of Nursing offered to present the History of Nursing Pageant, making it more international in character. The opinion was expressed that history should not now terminate at the vocational period, but that the professional evolution of nursing should be presented. As there would be no facilities for presentation of a Pageant at the Central Hall, it was agreed that possible arrangements should be further considered and reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

Many letters offering personal hospitality were received with gratitude. Miss Macaulay presented invitations from seven members of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association to guests from overseas, and would be prepared to pay their entertainment in Town if this was more convenient than receiving them at their respective hospitals.

Other members of the National Council offered the same generous terms, and it was agreed that the Hospitality Committee to be appointed would tabulate and deal with arrangements. The Committee then adjourned for tea.

The Congress Programme.

On resuming, the Committee proceeded to consider a short communication from the Congress Programme Committee presented by the Chairman.

Communication from the Programme Committee.

As the members of the Programme Committee elected by the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. in Brussels in July, 1933, are resident in various countries, including Great Britain, France, Belgium, Finland, China and the United States of America, the majority of whom find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend meetings in London, the Chairman, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, suggested that the three elected members of the Committee resident in London Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., Miss M. A. Gullan, and herself should act as a Sub-Committee for the furtherance of Programme business. This was agreed and the Sub-Committee met on July 9th at 10.30 a.m., at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

The Sub-Committee had before it the printed Programmes issued in London in 1909; Helsingfors, 1925; Montreal, 1929; and Paris-Brussels, in 1933.

The Sub-Committee suggest to follow precedent in the issue of Programmes in so far as possible, one to contain the foreword and detailed information, including list of Affiliated Associations, personnel, Patrons, Vice-Presidents, etc., and the complete list of Sessions, Subjects of discussion, Speakers and Social events; this issue will be costly, and might be on sale, the cost to be partly covered by advertisements.

A Leaflet for general distribution might also be issued.

It was suggested that eminent persons should be invited to recognise the value of the Nursing Profession to the body politic by becoming patrons of the Congress. (A list of names was agreed.)

Vice-Presidents—all Presidents of Affiliated Associations, Professional Dames of the Empire, and the Heads of important Training Schools with Medical Schools attached in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and others.

The Programme Committee will be obliged if the Congress Arrangements Committee will consider the following details placed on the Agenda under the seven sub-sections, so that the draft make-up of the Programme may be agreed and put in hand as soon as possible.

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