

THE QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS, I.C.N.

The following Letter of Invitation to be present at the Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in London, in July, 1937, has been addressed conjointly by Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, International Council of Nurses, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to the Presidents of all Member Associations of the I.C.N. Already we learn that a most representative attendance of nurses from all over the world is contemplated.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

39, Portland Place,
London, W.1.

November 4th, 1936.

DEAR _____,

We write to express our earnest hope that you may be present at the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in London in July, 1937. As President of your National Association of Nurses, you will have interested its members in the Congress, and what it should offer to the Nursing Profession as a whole.

A warm welcome awaits you in Great Britain and we trust that this opportunity for professional and social fellowship will be an incentive to our colleagues, the world over, to attend this Congress from which we hope we shall all obtain some fresh vision and inspiration; then indeed the International Council of Nurses will, once again, have fulfilled its aim, which is, to quote from its Constitution, to stand "for that full development of the human being and citizen in every nurse which shall best enable her to bring her professional knowledge and skill to the many-sided service that modern society demands of her—and to provide a means of communication between nurses of different nationalities; to provide opportunities for them to confer upon questions relating to the welfare of their patients and their profession, and to afford facilities for the interchange of international hospitality."

For the help and consideration you are giving to the work of the Congress, we thank you, and we earnestly hope to greet you personally in July, 1937.

Yours with cordial friendship,

<p>ALICIA LLOYD STILL, <i>President,</i> <i>International Council of Nurses.</i></p>	<p>ETHEL GORDON FENWICK, <i>President,</i> <i>National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.</i></p>
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A CEREMONY OF WELCOME.

Already the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is contemplating a Ceremony of Welcome, to be held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Sunday, July 11th, 1937, when it is hoped to greet the Presidents and International Delegates in a spirit of friendship, before the strenuous work in Committee and Council begins to which several days must be devoted. So many organisations of nurses are eager to entertain the guests that already there is difficulty in fitting in social events.

THE CONGRESS.

The Congress to be held in the capacious halls of the Central Hall, Westminster, from Monday, July 19th to 24th, will it is hoped be preceded by special religious services for nurses on Sunday, July 18th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, and at Westminster Cathedral—Westminster Abbey owing to the Coronation being out of commission.

The Programme Committee of the Congress is devoting hours to its consideration, and it is hoped that at an

early date it will be so far advanced as to present its scope under the four Sections: (1) Nursing Education; (2) The Nursing Profession, Organisation and Administration; (3) Public Health; and (4) Some Nursing Problems.

In the organisation of the latter Section, questions of topical interest are sure to arise; it will be well, therefore, to reserve a corner where they can be informally discussed.

In innumerable letters the question arises—Shall we see the King? Will Queen Mary greet us? All we can reply is, *We live in hope*. London, 1909, by the gracious Message of Welcome from King Edward VII, Helsingfors, Montreal, Paris, Brussels, bestowed State or Royal recognition on our wonderful International Council of Nurses. Somehow we have come to expect that the great ones of the earth will be pleased to see us in their midst.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The work of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation is being steadily carried on through its various Committees, and many improvements for the comfort of the Students have recently been carried out at Florence Nightingale House, mainly through a handsome contribution from the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain to the Maintenance Fund. The eighteen Students, 1936–1937, are now in residence and fully occupied with their studies at Bedford College. The following is the list of the present Class, and it is satisfactory that it maintains its international character, although we should be happy to welcome Students from still further afield—India, China, Japan, would give a *cachet* to the International character of the group.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 1936-37.

<i>Name and Country.</i>	<i>Name and Country.</i>
Miss B. M. K. Andrell, Sweden.	Miss Iorns, New Zealand.
Miss Saman Bunyavitr, Siam.	Miss K. M. Perkins, Great Britain.
Miss Daisy Bridges, Great Britain.	Miss C. F. Russell, Irish Free State.
Miss Ludmila Fantova, Czechoslovakia.	Miss C. E. Sage, Canada.
Miss M. E. Foget, Denmark.	Miss M. P. Welch, Great Britain.
Miss Karin S. Gadd, Finland.	Miss S. A. Williams, Canada.
Miss Ingeborg Hantsch, Austria.	Miss Lulu Wolf, U.S.A.
Miss Edna N. Howey, Canada.	Miss Katy Blagoeva, Bulgaria.
Miss E. H. de Klerk, S. Africa.	Miss Borghild Kessel, Norway.

THE RESTORATION OF WELLOW CHURCH.

So many Nurses from all over the world have paid visits of homage to the simple grave of Florence Nightingale in Wellow Churchyard and visited the little church in which she worshipped, that they will learn with interest that its much needed restoration is to take place. No doubt some members of our profession will wish to help this good work.

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