

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee which prepares the Programme of the International Congress of Nurses, to be held in London in July, 1937, has now under consideration all the suggestions sent to Headquarters at Geneva to date, and a meeting of the Committee has been summoned to meet in London, on April 29th to discuss them. Together with the Agenda, a complete draft list of the suggestions for discussion, together with a tabulated list under Sectional Headings, has been forwarded from Geneva to each member of the Committee, so that those unable to attend the Committee may send an expression of opinion together with any further suggestions they may wish to bring forward.

The Programme Committee, elected in Paris in 1933, is composed as follows: *Chairman*, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., President, I.C.N. *ex-officio*; Mlle. Chaptal, France; Miss Gullan, England; Mlle. Hellemans, Belgium; Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, China; Miss Venny Snellman, Finland, and Miss Elnora Thomson, U.S.A.

THE CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A Meeting of the Congress Arrangements Committee I.C.N. will be summoned early in May to receive a report of progress.

The Official Appeal for Funds to meet the necessary expenses of organisation has been issued, signed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman, President, N.C.N.; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, I.C.N.; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer; and Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, N.C.N.; Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, I.C.N.; and Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-President, N.C.N., who form the Finance Sub-Committee. This Appeal has been addressed to the Constituent Associations of the National Council through their Presidents, and will, we feel sure, meet with a sympathetic reception. When we recall the gracious reception and generous hospitality with which members of our National Council have been welcomed by so many international groups of nurses in the capitals of their great countries, we feel sure we shall, one and all, be eager to emulate their kindness and generosity.

Here is a great opportunity of evincing the true spirit of international solidarity which inspires our world-wide International Council of Nurses in its policy of peace and good will.

We need £1,000 to fulfil our obligations. We feel sure it will be forthcoming.

CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

The whole capacity of the Central Hall, Westminster, has been secured for the Meetings of the Congress, from July 19th to 24th, 1937, inclusive, thus five or six Meetings can be held simultaneously. Committee rooms are also available so that the Standing Committees can be summoned to discuss their official business when convenient.

There are two organs available, one a magnificent instrument, and a large restaurant.

The surroundings—so close to the Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Official Whitehall, St. Thomas's Hospital, "Old Man River," and lovely, historic St. James' Park—should add a charm for visitors to London.

We hope from all over the world enterprising nurses are already "saving up" and making plans to be with us in 1937. We need not add how warm will be their welcome.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

SELECTION OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLAR, 1936-1937.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee met on Thursday, March 19th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, to interview candidates making application for the Florence Nightingale International Scholarship, financed by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Three candidates had been summoned for personal interview, and after their credentials and references had been carefully scrutinised, one candidate, Miss Mary Phyllis Welch, S.R.N., Junior Night Sister at the London Hospital, was selected by ballot, and was nominated for confirmation by the Executive Committee and endorsement by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, through which Committee the Scholarship is offered to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on March 27th, 1936. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The following letters, in acknowledgment of messages of condolence upon the death of King George V. were reported from His Majesty The King and Her Majesty Queen Mary:

Home Office, Whitehall.

17th March, 1936.

MADAM,—I have had the honour to lay before The King the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the occasion of the lamented death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth and have received The King's Commands to convey to you His Majesty's grateful Thanks for the assurances of sympathy and devotion to which it gives expression.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN SIMON.

The Chairman,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Home Office, Whitehall.

17th March, 1936.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that the Address of Condolence of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth has been laid before Queen Mary, whose grateful Thanks I am to convey to you.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

R. R. SCOTT.

The Chairman,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A letter of thanks was reported from the Acting Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, for message of sympathy sent from the Registration Committee on the death of the Registrar.

A letter of thanks from Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., from W. Australia, thanking the Council for having elected her as Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1936.

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