

A PRAYER FOR THE KING'S REIGN.

The Official Souvenir Programme of the Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, issued in support of King George's Jubilee Trust Fund, is a very beautiful publication, and will no doubt be greatly valued by all those wise enough to secure a copy, and as a souvenir for those to follow.

The portraits of Their Majesties, of Queen Mary and the little Princesses are wonderfully realistic and beautiful.

The Souvenir opens with "A Prayer for the King's Reign" by the Poet Laureate, Mr. John Masefield.

O God, the Ruler over Earth and Sea,
Grant us Thy guidance in the reign to be :
Grant, that our King may make this ancient land
A realm of brothers, working mind and hand
To make the life of man a fairer thing :
God grant this living glory to the King.
Grant, to our Queen, the strength that lifts and
shares
The daily burden that a monarch bears :
Grant, to them both, Thy holy help to give
The hopeless, hope, the workless, means to live :
The light to see and skill to make us see,
Where ways are bad, what better ways may be :
And grace, to give to working minds the zest
To reach excelling things beyond their best :
Grant to them peace, and Thy diviner peace,
The joy of making human wars to cease :
Make wise the councils of the men who sway
The Britain here, the Britains far away :
And grant us all, that every rightness willed
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled.

JOHN MASEFIELD,
Poet Laureate.

THE QUEENS WILL RECEIVE GRAND COUNCIL I.C.N. AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

On Tuesday, July 20th, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Her Majesty Queen Mary will receive and welcome to tea the members of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at Buckingham Palace at 4.30 p.m. This, in the Coronation year, is a great privilege and it is surmised that the representatives of some 40 countries will be present on this historic occasion.

OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUND.

We beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following gifts in response to the Official Congress Appeal Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously received	1,149	9	6
The League of Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses	10	0	0
The Matrons' Council of Great Britain (second donation)	5	5	6

Miss M. Breay, Councillor, I.C.N. ...	5	0	0
Miss H. M. Tompkins, Matron, Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot ...	2	2	0
Miss Gertrude Knight, Councillor, I.C.N. ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Cecil Carter, R.R.C. ...	1	16	0
Miss M. Chitson ...	1	0	0
Mrs. B. Summerhayes ...	10	6	
	£1,177	5	6

Receipts sent this month complete acknowledgments for gifts promised in response to the Congress Appeal which opened in March, 1936. The very generous response of the members of the National Council of Nurses assures the Nursing profession in this country that they will be able to finance their own Congress without any outside appeal for funds. This is indeed a matter for sincere congratulation.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Emelie M. Waind, whose generous donation of £10 we acknowledged last month, would like it made known "that it was given in grateful recollection of Buffalo Congress Hospitality in 1901."

Miss Waind was one of the party from England who attended the international meeting of Nurses organised by Miss L. L. Dock in honour of the new century at Buffalo in 1901. We have all the happiest memories of a most delightful Conference and visit to the marvellous Exposition. Many gay little episodes one could unfold, but space forbids.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR, 1937.

Do not forget that a Red Cross International Bazaar will be held on July 7th and 8th, at Bedford College for Women, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

This Bazaar is extremely unusual, inasmuch as in response to a letter circulated from London and signed by the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman, British Red Cross Society, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, representative of the International Council of Nurses, 32 countries are sending gifts—in these troublesome times a unique gesture of international good will.

The gifts will be sold by the Diplomatic Representatives of each country, and the proceeds given to the British Red Cross Society, for distribution to another great International Movement—the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

It will be opened on Wednesday, July 7th, at 12 noon by the Lady Mayoress, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent has graciously signified her intention of visiting the Bazaar during the afternoon of the first day.

If we have any pennies over after financing our great International Congress of Nurses, they will be usefully spent in patronising the Bazaar. All sorts of interesting people will be present, and the F.N.I.F. needs all the financial support it can obtain for its most valuable educational work.

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