

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

NEW HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON.

Owing to the termination of the lease of the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva, it is not to be renewed, and the Office is to be removed to London this month. The new address is 51, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.

It remains to be seen if this decision will be for the advantage of international amenities, as so much depends on environment and Geneva has for so long inspired the world with international spirit. In Southern Europe the standards of nursing still need fostering, and it is doubtful if Great Britain, with swirling seas around, can come into intimate personal touch with the nurses of southern lands where the inspiration of the International should be the mainspring of progress.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS SOON TO BE WITH US.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain have the pleasure to announce that the Presidents of nearly all the 29 National Associations of Nurses affiliated in the I.C.N. have accepted its invitation to be its guests at the Cowdray Club from July 10th to July 24th. Thus some of the leading nurses in the world will be present for the meetings of the Grand Council, I.C.N., and will in the following week take part in the sessions and ceremonies of its eighth Quadrennial Congress. To those who promoted and helped to organise this first and most popular of women's international federations, the occasion will be one for thankfulness and joy.

That Miss L. L. Dock, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting and Miss Annie Goodrich will be absent is to be deeply regretted. They will, we are sure, have us in mind—as we shall associate them with all that is highest and best in this Sisterhood of Service when meeting in London, the birthplace of the Federation.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

Intensive preparations have, during the past month, been made for the reception of the International Congress of Nurses, which is to take place at the Central Hall, Westminster, from July 19th to 24th, and all is now well on the way. It is anticipated that some 1,600 nurses from all parts of the world will assemble in London, together with upwards of 1,000 nurses from Great Britain—the latter number having already taken tickets.

Miss Gullan, Miss Bushby and Miss Digby Pigott are devoting the whole day to correspondence in this connection.

THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The following Social Functions are offered to our guests and to as many members of Congress as invitations will allow:—

OFFICIAL INVITATIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, I.C.N.

Sunday, July 11th.—Reception by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to welcome the members of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses in the Bedford Fenwick Hall, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1. 4.30 p.m. Refreshments. Nightingale Treasures on view.

Monday, July 12th.—Dinner to members of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, by invitation of the Hospital Matrons' Association at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Tuesday, July 13th.—Dinner in the Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., by invitation of the Treasurer, Lord Stanmore, P.C., K.C.V.O. 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14th.—Sherry Party at the United

Nursing Services Club, Cavendish Square, W.1. Hostesses: Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.; Dame Elizabeth Oram, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.; Miss R. Darbyshire, R.R.C., S.R.N.; Miss A. M. Bushby, S.R.N., and Miss Dempster. 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 15th.—Dinner at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E., by invitation of the Treasurer, The Honble. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., LL.D. 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Reception in the Nightingale Home, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday, July 16th.—Visit of Homage to the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale at East Wellow. Tea at Embley Park by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crossfield.

Coaches will leave the Cowdray Club, Cavendish Square, at 9 a.m., in each of which a hostess will be present.

HOSTESS ASSOCIATIONS.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., President.)

The Association of Hospital Matrons. (Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., President.)

The Royal British Nurses' Association. (Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N.)

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain. (Miss M. S. Cochran, R.R.C., S.R.N., President.)

The British College of Nurses. (Miss Margaret Breay, S.R.N., Vice-President.)

Saturday, July 17th.—By invitation of Lady Riddell to fifty guests, coach drive to the Heritage Craft Schools Hospital and Home for Cripples, Chailey, Sussex. Coaches leave the Cowdray Club, Cavendish Square, W.1. 9.30 a.m.

By invitation of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service to thirty guests. Visit to the Royal Air Force Station, Halton. Visit to the workshops where airmen are at work, and to Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital. Lunch at the Officers' Mess, Halton House. Tea in the Sisters' Mess.

Leave Marylebone Station for Wendover at 8.50 a.m. Guests met at Wendover by motor transport.

Reception at Bedford College, N.W., by the President and members of the Old Internationals' Association (Florence Nightingale International Foundation). Pageant of an International character. 8.30 p.m.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN CONGRESS WEEK.

Monday, July 19th.—Reception and Tea, Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, from 5-7 p.m. Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., President of the Corporation, has graciously intimated her intention to be present.

Reception by the Minister of Health, The Right Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., at Lancaster House, S.W.1. 10 p.m.

Reception by the London County Council School Nurses' Social Union, Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2. Refreshments. 8-10 p.m.

Reception by the Council of the Collge of Nursing in the Cowdray Hall, Cavendish Square, W.1. Music and Refreshments. 8-10.30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20th.—Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Her Majesty Queen Mary will graciously receive the Members of the Grand Council, I.C.N., at Buckingham Palace. Tea. 4.30 p.m.

Reception by the Public Health Section of the College of Nursing in the grounds of Bedford College, Regent's Park. Entertainment, music and refreshments. 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21st.—Luncheon Party by the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association to the Municipal Matrons from Overseas. Princes Gallery, Piccadilly. 1 p.m.

Reception by the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association and the League of Fever Nurses, Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2. Tea and Music. 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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