

**General Session, the Great Hall, Central Hall, Westminster. 7.30 for 8 p.m. The Florence Nightingale Oration. Music.**

*Thursday, July 22nd.*—A Pageant of Nursing, with music. (Organiser, Miss G. V. Hillyers, S.R.N.), presented by the Sister Tutor Section, College of Nursing. New Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.1, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets 6d. to 3s.

Reception by the Association of Hospital Matrons, Cowdray Hall, Cavendish Square, W.1. Music and Refreshments. 8-10 p.m.

*Friday, July 23rd.*—Garden Party, London Hospital, E. The Chairman and Committee send a cordial invitation to Congress members. Tea will be served in the garden, and all the wards and various departments of the hospital will be thrown open to visitors. 3.30-6 p.m.

Garden Party at Guy's Hospital, S.E. The wards and departments, Museum and Nurses' Home open to visitors. Tea and Music. 3 p.m.

A Pageant of Nursing at the New Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.1. 2.30 p.m. Tickets 6d. to 3s.

**Palace of Westminster. Reception by permission of His Majesty the King, by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl of Ancaster. The House of Lords, the House of Commons, Westminster Hall and the Royal Gallery, etc., will be open to visitors. There will be refreshments on the Terrace. 8-11 p.m.**

Reception by the London Branch of the College of Nursing in the Cowdray Hall, Cavendish Square, W.1. Musical entertainments and refreshments. 8-10 p.m.

*Saturday, July 24th.*—Garden Party at Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard, Beckenham, Kent, by invitation of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., President of the Association, will receive the guests. Dr. Porter Phillips will address members of the Congress on the History of Bethlem Royal, and members of the Congress will be shown over the hospital, and demonstrations will be given in the various departments of the latest scientific medical treatment by experts. 3-6 p.m.

**Reception at the Guildhall by the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress. Presidents and Official Delegates will be presented to the Lord Mayor in national groups. Distinguished guests will be invited to meet the members of the International Council of Nurses. The Reception at the Guildhall will be from 8.30 for 9 p.m. to midnight.**

#### THE PAGEANT OF NURSING.

The Pageant of Nursing organised by Miss Hillyers, assistant Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, promises to be a very beautiful and inspiring spectacle. It is to be held at the New Scala Theatre—there will be three presentations—on July 22nd and 23rd, and as the price of tickets is nominal, 6d. to 3s., we advise early application for them, or disappointment may result. Tickets will be on sale at the College of Nursing from Monday, July 19th, and at a special stall on the first floor of the Central Hall, Westminster, from the same date.

This Pageant brings the History of Nursing up to date, as it includes reference to the foundation of the International Council of Nurses in London in 1899—quotes from the Seven Watchwords already given by the Founder—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—at Buffalo, Berlin, London, Cologne, Helsingfors, and Montreal, and at Paris in 1933 by the late Mlle. Chaptal.

The Final Scene presents the living form which the Educational Memorial to Florence Nightingale has taken, which has come into being through the united effort and vision of the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies.

No visitor to the Congress must miss seeing this Pageant of Nursing. Some day, no doubt, we shall emphasise the value of Legal Status and State Registration of Nurses.

## THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE FULHAM HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

We have received "The Quair of the Bond," the Journal of the Fulham Hospital Nurses' League, always an interesting publication, but, we agree with the Foreword by the Overseer of "The Quair" that this sixth number is better than any of its predecessors.

Miss Allbutt, the President of the Bond (or League) leads off with some reminiscences of "Sliding down a Salt Mine," concerning which she writes:

"I wonder if any of you remember the joy of sliding down the banisters? If you wish to recover the old thrill pay a visit to the Salt Mine above Hallein, a few miles from Salzburg, in Austria.

After buying our tickets we were taken into a dressing room and our hats, sticks, cameras, etc., taken away. We were then clothed in white canvas trousers, which tied round our ankles, white canvas Norfolk jackets, black leather belts and white caps. After some time we came to a square room, the only outlet to which seemed to be a hole with what looked like two stair rails coming up from it. The miner took his seat on the top of this, and slid down a foot or so holding tightly to a rope. In turn we each sat astride the rail and put our hands on the shoulders of the one in front, being told to lean back as far as possible. Before the last one was properly fixed the miner had to leave go of the rope, and we all began to slide, getting quicker and quicker until we seemed to be whirling into space. The first slide was a terrifying experience but the second was quite liked, and after that we wanted to go on and on, but, alas! there were only six in all.

In between we were taken into small rooms with all sorts of fossils, salt in various stages, models of the mine, and once into a beautiful little church cut into the salt. There was also quite a large lake with coloured lights all around. This we crossed on a little raft worked by a pulley. At the end was a tunnel, a mile or so in length, along which we had to travel sitting astride a plank on a trolley. The mine was so near the frontier that at one time our guide told us that we were actually under Germany, and here we found the German flag pinned to the walls of the passage just to remind everyone that Germany was over us at the time."

### MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 57th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, May 29th, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee.

From this meeting the congratulations of the Members present were sent to Miss S. Header, Matron, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent, and to Miss E. M. Yeadon, Matron, Eaton Grange, Norwich, who had received the Coronation Medal. The Honorary Secretary would be glad to know of any other Members of the Association who have been so honoured by their Majesties.

The congratulations of the Association were also sent to Miss Olive Frances Griffith, Sister, Claybury Mental Hospital, Woodford, Essex, who had been awarded the Florence Nightingale Scholarship by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

After the business meeting, Miss Ashford, Matron, Cell Barnes Colony, St. Albans, spoke of her impressions of her recent visit to Gheel Colony and L'Établissement pour les Anormaux at Moll in Belgium.

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, September 4th.

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