

the nature of this service. The general nursing bag will be on view—its contents available for examination and the uses thereof to be explained and demonstrated. The message papers that form the link between the Doctor and the Nurses will be there for all to see. The Midwifery Bags and the Ten Day Nursing Bag (still so called, although the nurse since January of this year has been visiting the lying-in women for 14 days)—the special bag and overall used at infectious cases will also be on view. Many delegates will be interested to see the improvised "dressing drum" which always appeals to every patient on the district, and in which once they have been able to appreciate its use is guarded as "Nurse's own particular treasure."

Already many of our colleagues from overseas have taken interest in the "Provident Method of Support." While these methods vary slightly in different areas, hand-bills and literature will be available for any interested to peruse.

The Stall is the creation of one of the Queen's Superintendents who has special artistic gifts, and she has spent all her spare time for months past in the design for the background. The two blues—the colours of the "Queen's"—are being used to good advantage. Among the many interesting exhibits will be photographs taken when just over 2,000 Queen's Nurses (approximately half the Nursing strength) were recently inspected at Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty Queen Mary. We are sure that the volunteers who will throughout the week staff this stall will have a very busy and interesting time; before them will be the "Queen's" motto "Laborare est Orare"—the keynote of the whole service.

NIGHT WORK.

The misfortune that the Central Hall is not available for preparation on Sunday, owing to religious services, etc., means that preparations must be made during the night, so that the premises can be decorated and made ready for the opening meeting. No doubt our doughty stewards will be on the spot and whirl arrangements into shape, so that the Hall when the members of the Congress arrive, to take their places at 8.30 a.m. will be in readiness, the decorations effectively in place, the flowers fresh and sweet, everything as perfect as it can be made, to be worthy of the great occasion.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will take pride in effecting this result.

A KING'S DAUGHTER.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, G.B.E., is the grand-daughter of the late King Edward VII, a very popular monarch—known as "The Peace Maker"—who was so exceedingly courteous and kind to the members of the International Council of Nurses when they met in London in 1909—and who helped to make their visit to London of a memorable nature.

The Princess Royal is the only daughter of the late King George V and Queen Mary, and with five brothers it is no wonder that, as an only daughter, she is reported to have been the apple of his eye. High spirited, very intelligent and charming, our Princess Royal is naturally much sought after in social circles—and that she has consented to open the Nurses' International Congress at the Central Hall, Westminster, on the morning of Monday, July 19th, has naturally given great pleasure to all those who realise her fine qualities of heart and devotion to public duty.

The Princess is to be received at the Central Hall by the Mayor of the ancient City of Westminster, the International President, the President of our National Council, and others. Inside the vestibule presentations will be made to the Princess, and a procession will be formed to escort Her Royal Highness to the Platform in the Great Hall. The procession will pass through the Great Hall, and ascend the platform on the left side, when the National Anthem will be played.

Specially invited guests will support the Princess on the platform. The President of the International Council of Nurses will invite Her Royal Highness to declare the Congress open.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor will welcome the Delegates and Congress. The Congress will then receive Addresses of Welcome from the Minister of Health, the representative of the Board of Education, the Presidents of the College of Physicians and of the College of Surgeons,

the Vice-President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, a representative of the National Association of the Nurses of France, and a representative of the Nurses' Association of Germany.

We advise members to take their seats early; the doors open at 8.30 a.m., and the organ recital will be given from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. This meeting will be one of the great historic events of the International Council of Nurses.



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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL, G.B.E.,
Who will declare the International Congress of
Nurses Open on Monday, July 19th, at 10 a.m.

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