

National Council of Nurses' Hospitality.

In accordance with the decision made at the last meeting, accommodation has been reserved at the Cowdray Club for the members of the Board of Directors, I.C.N., as guests of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, for 15 nights, from July 10th to 24th.

The Council of the Cowdray Club offer Honorary Temporary Membership of the Club to the members of the Board of Directors and Grand Council from July 10th to 24th.

The following Presidents of Member Associations, I.C.N., have, to date, accepted the invitation of the N.C.N. :—

- Miss Susan Francis, U.S.A.
- Frau Oberin Blunck, Germany (if able to come).
- Miss Elisabeth With, Denmark.
- Baroness van Hogendorp, Holland.
- Mlle. Marthe Damman, Belgium.
- Mlle. Chaptal, France (if well enough to come).
- Miss A. Reeves, Irish Free State.
- Baroness Fiáth, Hungary.
- Miss Schiffrer, Yugoslavia.
- Miss Bertha Helgestad, Norway.

Registration for Congress.

The system for registration of British members of the Congress is now in order, and the Presidents of all the Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will shortly receive supplies of Identification Certificates and application forms, with explanatory leaflets. Members of the affiliated associations will apply for these forms to the president or secretary of their association, who is asked to fill in and sign the identification certificate before forwarding both to the applicant. The latter fills in the application form and sends both, with 10s. registration fee, to the Secretary, The Congress Office, 39, Portland Place, W.1, and receives her membership ticket and a receipt.

Overseas members pay their registration fees through Cook's agents, who give a temporary receipt, forward the fees with particulars to the Congress office, and receive in return the membership tickets, numbered and named. In this way a list of all Congress members will be compiled at the Congress office, and there should be much less congestion at the registration office immediately before the Congress, as a large majority of the members will have their tickets already.

To save trouble, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, as President of the F.N.I.F., has been asked to certify International Florence Nightingale Students, which she has consented to do. This should save loss of time and trouble.

A leaflet is in course of preparation, giving preliminary information as to Congress arrangements. We should be glad to send a supply of these to any who think they could distribute them to arouse interest in the Congress. Specimens of registration forms and proof of proposed leaflet were inspected.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman read the following financial statement :—

Financial Statement.
22nd February, 1937.

Total of Donations reported at last meeting ...	£706	13	0
<i>New Donations—</i>			
Nurses' League, Western Infirmary, Glasgow	25	0	0
Dame Joanna M. Cruickshank, D.B.E. ...	2	2	0
<i>New Promise—</i>			
British College of Nurses	25	0	0
<i>Old Promises paid—</i>			
League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses	100	0	0
College of Nursing	100	0	0
<i>Promises outstanding (old)</i>	100	0	0
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Total Donations and Promises to Congress Fund	£1,058	15	0

Report of Finance Sub-Committee.

The Chairman read the Report of the Finance Sub-Committee recommending that estimates for work at the Central Hall, amounting to £65 15s. be accepted.

This was agreed.

It was agreed that Messrs. H. J. Searle's estimate for furnishing the Rest Room be accepted.

A basis of agreement with Messrs. W. Hill for catering and suggestions as to menus, etc., were agreed. It was suggested that tickets for luncheon might be obtained in advance.

The minimum number of guests was guaranteed.

Report re recruiting Lady Stewards. Miss Gullan reported that as it would not be possible to have the services of Girl Guides during the day, it was considered that it would be necessary to have 30 stewards acting at one time. Thus on a half-day basis, 60 would be required for the week. She was more or less certain of these already, as she had a list of 23 names of those already promised, as well as promises of volunteers up to 10 from the Nurses' Leagues of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the London Hospital, the Royal Free Hospital, the Middlesex Hospital, and Charing Cross Hospital. It was proposed that hours of duty should be from 8 to 1, and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Invitations and outside entertainments.—The following additional invitations were reported :—

50 delegates to visit the Heritage Craft Schools, Hospitals and Homes for Cripples, Chailey. Drive arranged by Lady Riddell.

300 members, afternoon reception at Guy's Hospital.

200 members to visit Cromwell House, if possible on date of annual Garden Party (to be fixed later). Open house daily for other visitors.

Exhibition of Student Nurses' Work, College of Nursing, open daily during Congress week.

The Cowdray Hall would be open on three or four nights, whichever seemed most suitable to the Committee.

It was announced that the Garden Party at the London Hospital, already announced, was to be for 500 members and it was arranged with approval of Miss Littleboy that it should be held on Friday, July 23rd, from 3 to 6 p.m. The Reception at the Guildhall was definitely arranged for Saturday, July 24th, at 9 p.m.

Entertainments Sub-Committee.

The following were elected to form an Entertainments Sub-Committee: Miss H. Dey, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss Bushby, Miss I. Macdonald, Mrs. Hamilton Gibson and Miss Gullan.

The Opening Meeting of Congress.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, I.C.N., made a report of arrangements to date on the organisation of the Opening Meeting of the Congress, and on social arrangements. Details in connection with Royal Patronage had not yet been released.

Patrons of Congress.

The following members of the Royal Family had consented to be Patrons :—

- H.R.H. The Princess Royal.
- H.R.H. The Princess Beatrice.
- H.R.H. The Princess Arthur of Connaught.
- H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent.
- H.R.H. Princess Alice Countess of Athlone.
- The Earl of Athlone.
- H.H. Princess Helena Victoria.
- H.H. Princess Marie Louise.
- His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London.
- The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood.

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