The President, Board of Education, Rt. Hon. Oliver Stanley.

The Secretary of State, Home Affairs, Sir John Simon. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden.

The Secretary for the Dominions, Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald.

The Secretary for the Colonies, Rt. Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore.

The Secretary for Scotland, Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot. Ambassadors, Ministers of Foreign Powers and High Commissioners have been invited and many have accepted.

#### THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

President, Royal College of Physicians, the Viscount Dawson of Penn.

President, Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Cuthbert Wallace.

Lord Horder.

President, British Medical Association, Professor Johnstone.

Sir George Newman.

Sir Arthur MacNalty.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

### THE CITY OF LONDON.

The Lord Mayor of London.

The Lady Mayoress.

The Mayor of Westminster.

#### ROYAL HOSPITALS.

Lord Stanmore, Treasurer, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer, St. Thomas's Hospital. Lord Wakefield, Treasurer, Bethlem Royal Hospital. Lord Nuffield, Treasurer, Guy's Hospital. Sir William Goschen, Chairman, London Hospital.

Many of these Patrons have consented to attend the Opening Meeting of the Congress.

#### Social Functions.

## (Reception at the House of Lords.)

With the necessary and gracious permission of His Majesty the King, the President reported that with Lord Esmé Gordon Lennox it had been arranged that there should be a Reception at the House of Lords on Friday, July 23rd, from 8 to 11 p.m., for 1,000 Congress members. when the House of Commons, the Royal Gallery and Westminster Hall would also be thrown open, and there would be refreshments on the Terrace.

A Reception (by the Lord Great Chamberlain) in such historic and magnificent surrounds would, it was agreed, give immense pleasure to Nurses from all over the world.

After further suggestions for the Social Function in the Great Hall on Wednesday, July 21st, at which Nurses' National Organisations entering the International would be welcomed, for which the Woolwich Artillery String Band had been secured, and the "Florence Nightingale Oration" would be delivered. A very hearty vote of thanks, proposed from the Chair to the President, for her valuable work, was carried unanimously.

### The Hospitality Committee.

The following ladies were elected to serve on the Hospitality Committee: Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, Mrs. Seymer, and Miss Baggallay.

Mrs. Seymer's offer to act as interpreter was received with appreciation and accepted.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Wednesday, March 24th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated and adjourned for tea.

## CIVIC WELCOME IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Westminster (the Hon. Arthur Howard, J.P.) will be present at the Opening Meeting of the Congress, and give a civic welcome to the Delegates, and Sir Kingsley Wood will also welcome the Congress in his capacity of Minister of Health.

#### FURTHER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.

Additional distinguished persons have consented to become Patrons of the Congress, amongst them the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs. Baldwin, and many have accepted the invitation to be present at the Opening Meeting and take part in the Ceremony of Welcome. Indeed, this wonderful gathering of the International Council of Nurses in this our London, the City in which it was founded thirty-eight years ago, promises to be of epoch-making distinction, and there will be but one regret, that so many of its eminent Founders have passed on.

#### THE HISTORY OF NURSING PAGEANT.

One of the most popular entertainments which members of Congress will enjoy will be the History of Nursing Pageant which, with the skilled help of Miss Hillyers, the Sister Tutors of the College of Nursing are presenting at the Scala Theatre.

There will be three performances:-

1. Thursday, July 22nd. Matinee, 5 p.m.
2. Thursday, July 22nd. Evening Performance, 9 p.m.
3. Friday, July 23rd. Matinee, 2.30 p.m.
It is understood that the theatre holds 1,070 persons.

Admission will be by ticket, price 3s., 2s., 1s. and 6d. each. It is hoped the members of the Grand Council will be able to attend the evening performance on July 22nd,

at 9 p.m. Graceful hospitality can thus be offered to members of

Congress from abroad and little parties organised.

# THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

# THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' Home, Chandos Street, W.C.2, on Saturday, March 13th, at 3.30 p.m. The President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., will be in the Chair. A Report will be presented on the arrangements for the forthcoming International Congress of Nurses.

## MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The very well-attended 56th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held on Saturday last, March 6th, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.

After the business meeting, Mrs. M. E. Roberts, of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John Hospital Library, addressed the Members on the work of providing Libraries in Mental Hospitals and stressed the need for more voluntary helpers in this work which is such a very essential part of treatment.

# THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Queen has assumed the office of President of the British Red Cross Society under the Royal Charter of the Society.

The Duke of Gloucester has kindly consented to become Chairman of the Council of the Society, taking the place of his brother, who is now King and who becomes Patron of the Society.

The Duchess of Gloucester has kindly consented to become a Member of the Council of the Society.

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