

## EXCHANGE OF NURSES

### CONGRESS SPEAKER AND DIFFICULTIES

The international exchange of nurses was among the subjects discussed at the International Congress of Nurses, the final sessions of which were held at Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday.

Miss OLIVE BAGGARLE (Florence Nightingale Foundation), Great Britain, said that there had been some organized effort for the exchange of nurses, particularly between this country and Canada and Germany, but those exchanges had been more in the nature of observation visits.

One of the difficulties encountered in accepting nurses from other countries to the staffs of hospitals or public health centres here was that the proportion of trained staff nurses to nurses in training was roughly that of 72 per cent. student nurses and 28 per cent. trained nurses. It was somewhat difficult for the trained staff nurse to be replaced by someone from abroad who was not familiar with the hospital routine or medical practice of this country. The proportion of trained nurses was, however, increasing, and in future they hoped that that difficulty might not be so serious. Another difficulty was the regulations governing the employment of foreigners in this country.

Nurses attending the International Congress are invited to attend a special service at St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, E.C., to-morrow at 6.30 p.m., when an address will be given by the rector, the Rev. A. Lombardini. The church has a special connexion with the nursing profession, and a room is set aside for nurses from the London hospitals.

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