

little farther on, whilst Frau Levy herself welcomed her visitors on the porch.

After the usual delicious refreshments had been partaken of, the little girls handed round baskets tied with yellow ribbons containing postcards, stamps, and pencils for guests to send greetings to their friends. Another basket contained cigarettes, which were not so much appreciated as the postcards.

Then came a request for autographs, and small fans, which had been provided, and postcards were used in place of the customary album. After that a stroll in the garden to listen to the band and to watch the children go through their gymnastics, and then adieus were said, and one more delightful afternoon was over.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Clubs for women are becoming very popular in Berlin. Two we visited; one for working ladies, where for a subscription of six marks a year a beautiful suite of rooms are at the disposal of members, reading and writing rooms, play rooms and restaurant. A committee of ladies make this place delightful; food is first-rate and very cheap, lovely pictures adorn the walls; these are for sale. Concerts are arranged fortnightly by the "concert president"; numbers of papers and magazines on all subjects are provided, and, indeed, we have no such centre for working ladies in London at the price. Almost next door the rich Berlin ladies have their club, and, although a pleasant place, it in no way emulates the luxury of those at home. The American women are a wonderful force in Berlin; they run a club, have a weekly paper, and appear to influence social methods in a marked degree.

To Our Next Merry Meeting.

The party of nurses who visited the Congress from Great Britain, which fortunately included amongst its number three who spoke German fluently, was a very pleasant one. To be stranded in a strange country, and to be dependent upon any chance person in order to make one's self understood is not an enjoyable experience, and the lesson of internationalism and of foreign travel is certainly the great importance of a thorough knowledge of modern languages. The British nurses were a most cheery party, and at the close of a most enjoyable ten days, parted on the best of terms, with the expressed determination to be present at the next international gathering of nurses.

It is impossible to enumerate all they saw in the city itself, but by the end of the Congress it is safe to say that what had not been seen by some member of the party was not worth seeing. Hospitals, Palaces, Mausoleums, the Zoological Gardens, Museums—containing such fine collections of pictures that a whole week might be spent on them alone—the wonderful Sieges-Allée (Avenue of Victory), with its thirty-two statues of Prussian rulers, and, in the environs, Potsdam, with the lovely Palace of Sans-souci, enveloped in an atmosphere of peace, full of interesting associations, and containing a wealth of art treasures. All these were seen, so that every moment of each day was filled with memorable experiences,

The International Council of Nurses.

The First Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses took place in the Victoria Lyceum, Berlin, on Friday, June 17th. As the meeting was one of such great importance, we propose to devote ample space to reporting the proceedings at length next week.

THE ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Hon. President.

Upon the completion of the five years' term of office as President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder, was unanimously elected Hon. President of the Council, with a seat on the Executive Committee and Grand Council for life.

The following ladies were elected as the Hon. Officers for the next Quinquennial Period.

President.—Miss S. B. McGahey, late Lady Superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, was elected President.

Hon. Secretary.—Miss L. L. Dock, United States, was re-elected as Hon. Secretary.

Hon. Treasurer.—Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, was elected Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

After receiving and discussing the reports from affiliated countries upon Nursing Education, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

WHEREAS, The disorder existing to-day in nursing conditions is due chiefly to inequalities of training and differing educational standards; and

WHEREAS, The serious and responsible work of a nurse demands not only excellent moral qualities, but also the trained intelligence and cultured mind of the well-educated woman; and

WHEREAS, The principle of Registration by the State is now generally conceded as safeguarding the public health, and as promoting a more thorough education of nurses; now therefore be it

Resolved: That every person assuming the position of a Trained Nurse should give proof of the following minimum preparation for such work:—

(a) A good general education.

(b) A preliminary course in domestic science, elementary anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, materia medica, and technical preparation for ward work.

(c) Three complete years of practical work in hospital wards under qualified instructors.

And be it further

Resolved: That this minimum preparation should be examined and registered by the State; and, lastly, be it

Resolved: That it is the duty of the Training Schools to certify to the qualities of character and moral fitness of candidates for Registration.

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