PAGEANTRY AT THE “TROCADERO.”

RECEPTION OF NEWLY AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The Meeting which has in the past aroused the keenest interest throughout the Congress has always been the social event when the Newly Affiliated National Associations have been formally welcomed into International Federation. On the evening of July 11th, this ceremony was admirably staged at the “Trocadero,” in a spacious theatre in which two thousand guests assembled. The Programme provided:—

1. The Introduction of National Representatives or Associate National Representatives.

2. The introduction of Newly Affiliated Associations, and

3. Living Pictures: (a) National Nursing Pioneers; (b) Historic Royal Nurses. The Platform was admirably adapted for pageantry.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who occupied a gold fauteuil in the centre of the stage, and whose fine elocution carried her voice clearly throughout the immense theatre. She was supported on her right by Mlle. Chaptal, President, Miss F. H. M. Emory, Canada, Mrs. Koch, Denmark; and on the left by Miss Lloyd Still, Great Britain, Miss Elnora Thomson, United States of America, and Miss Venny Snellman, Finland.

Seated in gold fauteuils backed by peacock blue velvet curtains were the eight Royal Nurses in their gorgeous robes, making a very imposing background.

The table in front of the Chairman was piled with lovely bouquets, and as soon as she was seated, Miss Cesarea Tan, from the Philippines, advanced and placed a lovely garland of flowers around her neck. The immense hall was crowded and a delightful band made inspiring music.

The Ceremonies opened by the Chairman presenting to the audience the National Representatives of twenty-one countries in the order in which they had been admitted to the I.C.N., all of whom received an ovation from the auditorium, the audience arising as they made their bows.

United States of America, Miss Elnora Thomson; Germany, Frau Oberin Brandt; Canada, Miss Florence H. M. Emory; Denmark, Mrs. Margrethe Koch; Finland, Miss Venny Snellman; Holland, Miss Meta Kehrer; India, Mrs. E. A. Watts; New Zealand, Miss E. J. Young; Belgium, Mlle. Hellemans; China, Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen; Norway, Sister Berglind Larsson; South Africa, Miss B. G. Alexander; Bulgaria, Miss Mary Nicolova; France, Mlle. Chaptal; Irish Free State, Miss Ellen Healey; Poland, Miss J. Sufozynka; Greece, Miss Messolora; Yugoslavia, Miss A. Schiffer; Philippine Islands, Miss Cesarea Tan; Sweden, Sister Elizabeth Dillner. When all these ladies had been presented, Miss Justine Kuska, of Latvia and Schwester Probst, of Switzerland, were introduced to the audience as proxy Associate Affiliated Representatives. There was beautiful music between the “turns.”

Newly Affiliated Associations Welcomed.

During the week the applications for affiliation from various National Organisations had been considered by the Grand Council, and six had been approved.

The Ceremonial of Welcome then followed, and each country under its own flag carried by a girl guide, was specially received into the International Federation by an appointed sponsor, and received a charming bouquet.

Austria.—Oberschwester Hedwig Birkner, President of the Austrian Nurses’ Association, was welcomed by Mlle. Chaptal, who, of course, made her a graceful little speech expressing her happiness at the admission of Austrian Nurses into the International Council.

Czechoslovakia.—Miss Z. Dolenska, President of the Graduate Nurses’ Association of Czechoslovakia, was welcomed by Miss Elnora Thomson of the United States of America, in her own quite charming manner.

Estonia.—Miss Kärl (proxy for Miss Anna Erma, President, Estonian Nurses’ Association), was warmly welcomed by Mrs. Koch, of Denmark.

Hungary.—Baroness Maria Fiat, President, Hungarian Nurses’ Association, was received most happily by Miss Venny Snellman of Finland.

Iceland.—Mrs. Sigridur Thorvaldsson, President, Icelandic Nurses’ Association, had a specially happy reception from Miss Florence H. M. Emory, President of the Canadian Nurses’ Association; and

Japan and Korea.—Miss Natsuye Inouve (proxy for Miss Take Hagiwara, President, Nurses’ Association of Japan), together with Miss Rosenberger, Nurses’ Association of Korea, were together grouped as of the Japanese Empire, were welcomed by Miss Lloyd Still of Great Britain, and aroused the enthusiasm of the audience.

National Nursing Pioneers.

The Chairman then said that a most inspiring and