

Africa	Miss M. Breay
Egypt	Miss J. G. Watkins
Holland	Miss Krussse and Miss La Bastide Baarslag
Sweden	Fröken Gina Krog
Denmark	Mrs. Gordon Norrie

The Reports of Nursing in France and Italy by Dr. Anna Hamilton, of Bordeaux, and Miss Amy Turton were read in full, as they were considered of special interest to the Council.

The meeting then terminated, the members of the International Council arranging to meet in Conference at 8 p.m. to consider the wisest steps to take for furthering the aims and work of the organization.

### Preliminary Meetings of the Congress.

By Monday, September 16th, some 200 of the Superintendents and Nurses attending the International Congress of Nurses had already arrived, 300 being expected before the opening ceremony of the following Wednesday. Various nursing organizations availed themselves of the opportunity of holding their annual meetings, and a full day's work was put in both on Monday and Tuesday.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States held the first Session, with Mrs. Hunter Robb in the chair, and the foreign delegates were courteously invited to seats on the platform. At this meeting, the reports of officers, and those from various Committees were presented, and many interesting side lights thrown on questions of importance to nurses. The animated discussion of the pros and cons of nurses' organizations joining National Councils of Women working in other lines was amusing and instructive, but the meeting was almost solid for progress and affiliation. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had the house with her when she said that "it appeared impossible for any country to have a thoroughly representative National Council of Women if so important a section as the trained nurses were not included."

To the visitor, nothing was more interesting and impressive than the manner in which each Delegate in turn quietly rose, and, in well chosen words expressed her opinion concerning the matters under discussion. It was done in so modest and unaffected a manner that one realized that these women had no wish or intention of making an impression, but were simply influenced by the desire to give their own practical experience for the common good.

More detailed accounts of this meeting will appear as soon as the many other demands on our space permit.

Next week we shall publish the official report of the meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, which also took place on Monday, September 16th.

## The International Congress of Nurses.

The Great International Congress of Nurses at Buffalo has come and gone, and it is not too much to say that it has been great in every particular, great in the number of attendances, and in the ability of its organizers and members, in the style and delivery of the papers, in its apt discussions, in its high ideals, and, without doubt, this gathering of nurses will have great and far reaching results. The representative nurses, gathered together from so many parts of the world—and they are here from England, Scotland, Canada, Australia, India, Holland, and in their hundreds from all over the United States—agree, that it is an immense privilege to be united in Congress, and also that the inspiration and whole bright and delightful spirit which animates everyone present is a revelation.

The Congress assembled at the Women's Union Hall, in Niagara Square, at 9.30, on the morning of Wednesday, September 18th, and both the platform and body of the Hall presented a most inspiring spectacle. Miss Isabel McIsaac, of Chicago, President, occupied the chair, with the Hon. President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seated on her right hand, and Miss Maud Banfield on her left, all the foreign delegates and members of the Committee surrounded her in most tasteful toilets, and delegates and members of Congress filled every seat; in the auditorium and gallery were over 400 bright faced, eager women, bristling with energy and expectation. They comprised Superintendents and Nurses from nearly all the leading Hospitals throughout the country, and delegates from the majority of the thirty-three Training School Alumnae, and from representative Nursing Societies, and Nurses' Organizations.

Miss McIsaac presided throughout with the most delightful dignity and charm. Amongst those present were Miss Keating and Mrs. Hampton Robb, Vice-Presidents; Miss Snively, Toronto; and Miss Damer, President of the Buffalo Nurses' Association; Miss Riddle, Treasurer of the City Hospital, Boston; Miss Isla Stewart and Miss McGahey, Hon. Vice-Presidents for England and Australia; Mrs. Kinney, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps; Miss McLeod, of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada; Miss Arkle, appointed by the Secretary of State for India; Miss Louisa Stevenson, Delegate from the National Council of Women of England; and Fraulein Van Vollenhoven, Holland.

The President, in introducing Mr. Frederick Constantine, who bid welcome to the Nurses, and substituted Mr. Diehl, the Mayor of the City, alluded in touching terms to the grievous reason

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