

That the Third International Congress of Nurses strenuously protests against the sending out of pupil nurses to private duty during their period of training in the training schools.

The business of the Congress then terminated.

A delightful informal reception was given the visiting nurses last evening at the Castle Inn by the local societies of trained nurses. The guests were received by Miss Damar, President of the Buffalo Nurses' Association; Miss Simpson, President of the Buffalo General Hospital Alumnae; Miss McKinnon, President of the Erie County Hospital, Alumnae; Miss Culver and Miss Dingle of the Erie County Hospital; Mrs. Tweedy and Miss Zimmerman, of the Buffalo General Hospital Alumnae; Miss Drake and Miss Sterling, of the Buffalo Nurses' Association. Ices and cakes were served in the dining-room.

Saturday, September 21, was Trained Nurses' Day at the Exposition, a function which was in every way an immense success—Mrs Bedford Fenwick, Miss Louisa Stevenson, and Miss C. J. Wood each making greatly appreciated speeches in the magnificent Temple of Music, which was crowded with some 2,000 nurses and their friends—a full account of which will be given in our next issue.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS.

My first and last impression of the Congress was the spirit of interest and enthusiasm pervading it, which made success a foregone conclusion. We expected a large number of nurses and looked for interest, but not to so great an extent. The presence of the foreign delegates and visitors added tremendously to the occasion, and opened the eyes of many American nurses to the work and influence of nurses in other lands. The value of such gatherings is incalculable, not only from the educational point of view but from the social and ethical as well. Its influence will stand not only beyond this week, but beyond this year and this generation, and I sincerely believe that the third international Congress of Nurses marks a mighty awakening or nurses to their opportunities and responsibilities.

ISABEL McISAAC.

The great value of the Congress is the evident realization on the part of the nurses present of their responsibilities and duties towards their nursing work. Also we trust the Congress may prove of use in ultimately breaking down all factions and overcoming personal feelings. Our foreign delegates were the great education feature and our chief delight.

ISABEL HAMPTON ROBB.

The International Congress of Nurses just adjourned is perhaps the most notable event of all those incidents which have made the history of the nursing profession. No one, however superficial an observer, could, in looking over the audience which filled the spacious hall, fail to be impressed with the fact that the throng was composed of the very best and highest types of womanhood—women who, while giving their time and thought to the highest and best spiritual ideals, were by no means indifferent to tangible and external things—women of grace and charm, women of savoir faire and dignity, who were tastefully gowned—who had sacrificed nothing of their divine heritage, the love of visible beauty—and who possessed a natural and healthy desire to make it their own—wholesome, vigorous women of all nationalities and ages; and, best of all, women who were above all and through all essentially feminine; who were before everything else in life the mother, the wife, the sister, and the friend. To those whose interest extended to the deeper significance of the meeting, it proved a season of profit, inspiration, strength, and encouragement. It broadened the outlook of those whose duty confined them to what may seem narrow and restricted paths, and showed to others of wider interests a solution of knotty problems and perplexing situations. It pointed out to all the great ends for which as a profession we must strive, and indicated the means by which these were to be attained. A notable time indeed, and one which must always be remembered by those whose privilege it was to be present as an inspiration to better and greater efforts as individuals—as those worthy of our high calling.

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A Loss to the Associated Alumnae.

The resignation of Mrs. Hampton Robb from the presidency of the Associated Alumnae of the United States was received at the Annual Meeting with the most heartfelt regret. She has held the post for five successive years, and seen this Society grow from a small beginning into a splendid national organization, a result greatly due to her strong and sweet personality, for it would be difficult to find a woman at once so firm and gentle, so strong and sweet dispositioned as Isabel Hampton Robb.

Mrs. Robb feels that grooves are not healthy in young organizations, and that change of Presidents will be beneficial, and she is strongly in favour of bringing in new interest into Associations with which she is connected. This is quite in accord with American principles:

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