

the abundant and graceful hospitality which has been extended to us by the many noble-hearted ladies and gentlemen who have welcomed us with such charm. I find it impossible to say further now, but our kind hosts may feel assured that these memories will always be precious and green as our Emerald Isle. *Les heures passent mais la vraie amitié est impérissable.*

J. KILDARE TREACY,  
President, Irish Nurses' Association.

As I have been asked to state in a few lines what are my chief impressions after this very interesting and eventful week, I do not hesitate to say that "they are of the best."

*They are of the best*, because we were able to notice that every woman in the profession is devoted to her work, and that no one will stop at any effort or even exertion in order to improve it more and more.

*They are of the best*, because all nurses were felt to be of one mind on that one chief—I should say unique—point: the better nursing of their patients, at any cost.

*They are of the best*, because differences of opinion, country, costume, and religion could not prevail where that unique interest was in view.

*They are of the best*, because doctors have understood that the nurses' duties are great, and that they are to be helped by the goodwill of the medical men towards getting the position that is theirs by right.

*They are of the best*, because a certain being, called "the State," is beginning, in all countries over the world, to feel more or less the need of good nursing for the suffering part of the community, and that to attain that end, they realise that they must help towards raising the standard of the profession.

*They are of the best*, because, speaking as a nurse and a Frenchwoman, I have felt the boon of fraternising with other nurses of other countries, for the benefit of all those who have the right to expect from us not only skilful nursing and technical learning, but devotion, sympathy, and love!

L. CHAPTAL.

My impression of the Conference is that to a very great extent it has realised what it meant to attain. It was of the greatest interest, and highly instructive, and also it has certainly afforded a most pleasant opportunity for making acquaintance with the leaders and nurses of other countries. It also made me feel still more intensely how much work there is for all of us to do in every direction. To know that in so many countries the same fight as we are engaged in is being fought, makes one hopeful that some day we shall obtain what others have got already.

To me the Congress has meant a fuller realisation of the hard and difficult work before us, but has also been a great encouragement to go bravely forward.

J. C. VAN LANSCHOT-HUBRECHT,  
Secretary, Dutch Nurses' Association.

The highest praise and honour are due to the ladies who conceived and carried forward the delightful project of convening an International Congress or Nursing Conference in Paris.

It has been a pronounced success, far out-reaching the highest expectations of those who have given so liberally of their energy and time to perfect the organisation. When we realise that fourteen countries, possibly more, were represented, and that far New Zealand is included in this number, we must acknowledge the wide-spread interest in nursing affairs.

We have been most cordially received and royally entertained by our co-workers in Paris, and we predict for them a brilliant nursing future. We have added greatly to our store of knowledge in hearing of the extensive nursing work and the various methods employed in the different countries represented, and we have gained a few inspirations in the knowledge that there is a broad awakening of the individual responsibility in the matter of educated, intelligent, sympathetic care of the sick.

ANNA C. MAXWELL,  
Delegate of the Presbyterian Hospital,  
New York.

My impressions of this Conference? I am impressed with this fact: the nurses who have laboured so courageously for the past fifteen or twenty years in the interest of the profession should feel more than repaid in this splendid demonstration of the result of their labours. Truly such a gathering of able nurses from all parts of the world is an inspiration to each and every representative, and each will return to her country with greater courage to work out the problems that there confront the profession in its progressive course. The result of the fifteen years just past is wonderful! We need have no fear of the future.

GENEVIEVE COOKE,  
Vice-President, Nurses' Associated  
Alumnæ, U.S.A.  
Editor, *Nurses' Journal of the  
Pacific Coast.*

It is impossible to express in words the effect upon the nursing world of this wonderful meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Paris. The result must be far-reaching. It is, without doubt, the most representative gathering of women that has ever come together to discuss matters relative to the care of the sick. The promoters of the Conference should have our deepest gratitude, as well as the French people for their courtesy and hospitality.

HARRIET FULMER,  
Editor, *The Visiting Nurse.*

"Roses, roses, all the way."

ETHEL G. FENWICK,  
Hon. President,  
International Council of Nurses.

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