

turies, for Chantilly has always rivalled the most sumptuous of royal palaces. All have been here, gorgeous in the succeeding fashions of the time. The clock strikes the hour, visions vanish, groups of happy guests move towards the splendid iron gates. Once more in comfortable carriages they are being driven under "the green wood tree." Soon they are at the station, and in an hour again in Paris, where hundreds of *au revoir*s are exchanged. Mlle. Chaptal is enthusiastically thanked for "a golden day," and the Conference programme played out. The nurses of the nations are borne away in twos and threes in those delightful little voitures which make movement in Paris so easy, and as they flash by in various directions there is much kissing of hands, and one hears to the last "*au revoir*," "*à Stockholm*," "*à Stockholm*."

E. G. F.

### Mme. Gillot's Déjeuner.

On Sunday, Mme. Gillot, Directrice-Fondatrice of the *Bulletin Professionnel des Infirmières et Gardes Malades*, welcomed to a charming breakfast at the Hotel Continental several professional nurse journalists. Dr. Paul Cornet, editor-in-chief, helped her to do the honours. There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Breay, Mrs. Robb, Miss Van Lanschot-Hubrecht, Miss Genevieve Cooke, Miss Solari, Miss Bella Crosby, and Mlle. Chaptal.

Mme. Gillot, a most graceful hostess, gave her guests a very happy hour, and *au revoir* and not good-bye was said at parting.

#### AN IRISH TEA OF LOVELY FRENCH CAKES.

In the afternoon all the Irish nurses, augmented by others of their brilliant compatriots who are working in Paris, were most hospitably entertained at a "real delicious Irish tea, composed of lovely French cakes and strawberries and cream," at the Hotel de Nice, by two Irish ladies resident in Paris. The afternoon was delightfully gay, and everyone present enjoyed a thoroughly delightful time.

On Monday, June 24, trains going north, south, east, and west bore away from the lovely capital of France many of those who had spent one of the happiest weeks in their lives in attending the Great International Conference on Nursing.

And now to our next Merry Meeting.

### Impressions of the Conference.

My impression of the Nursing Congress in Paris is one of immense satisfaction of having had the opportunity of seeing so many earnest and clever women with whose names and perhaps portraits I am already familiar.

It was interesting to see how, notwithstanding their striking personality, these women brought out their national traits.

The English had the attitude of winners; they recognise only the difficulties of detail.

The Americans and Colonials reason out their points.

Germany does not tolerate nonsense, and knows only practical philanthropy.

Holland dreams of organisation.

Finland is politely determined.

Austria hopes to do better.

France is for peace at any cost, or reform at any price.

But each acknowledged that the other was working to the same end, and all were of one mind that the Congress, apart from being a brilliant success, would help forward nursing reform, so much needed in so many countries.

C. ELSTON,

Directrice de l'Hôpital Civil du  
Toudu, Bordeaux.

What an inspiration the Paris Conference has been! The important points have been emphasised at this great International gathering. The best and most thorough training possible for the nurse, her need of a good education, and the great necessity for the organised, united effort of all nurses to raise the standard of the profession, and gain for it State recognition. All engaged in journalistic work will realise as never before the incalculable value and power of the Professional Press, and be enthused to press forward to still greater efficiency. Then the Social intercourse made possible by our kind friends in Paris, has played no small part in the value of the Conference, and will help to make its results both far-reaching and enduring.

B. CROSBY, Canadian.

Everyone attending the Conference in Paris must be firmly convinced that great good must be the outcome of it.

To see so many splendid, earnest women drawn together and, in many cases I am sure, at great personal inconvenience and sacrifice, for the purpose of discussing and improving that noble work for the alleviation of pain, was in itself inspiring and elevating. The fact that there we saw women from all parts of the world was in itself a bond, and goes far to strengthen the feeling that amongst the workers in the care of the sick and suffering there must be unity—unity to obtain a proper status for the education of suitable women for the noble work of nursing the sick.

JESSIE IRVINE, Registered Nurse,

Late Sister, Wellington Hosp., N.Z.

What impressed me so very much at the Nursing Conference at Paris was the charming spirit of good fellowship that was ever present on all sides, and on all occasions.

It was most interesting to meet our sister workers from all parts of the world to hear of their struggles, and of their determination for the advancement of our profession.

It is impossible to thank our Paris friends sufficiently for all their courtesy and kind hospitality. I shall always look back with great pleasure to the happy days spent in their midst.

E. F. WATT,

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