

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the silver medal of the Assistance Publique of Paris, attached to a gold and white ribbon, as an appreciation of their work. He need not say how much he enjoyed discharging this pleasant duty. Turning to Sister Karll, M. Mesureur said that the Administration 'énérale of the Assistance Publique desired to show interest in the work of such women as herself. There was a great feeling of cordiality in Paris towards the International Council of Nurses and its work.

Mrs. HAMPTON ROBB said that it was with utter despair she learnt she was to respond to the toast. She asked what she was to speak about, and the reply was, "about two minutes." Those who had attended the Paris Conference in 1907 had never forgotten its inspiration. They had tried not to be envious when they saw over the façade of the new buildings at the Salpêtrière Hospital the words "College for Nurses." It was at present the only one in existence. They had a thill of pride in the note sounded by Dr. Anna Hamilton in her Thesis on Nursing and that France had men that recognised its importance so quickly and put its precepts into practice.

In coming as a delegate from the United States to this representative Congress, she came straight from the meeting of their National Association to express in words the music written by an American woman, "Hands Across the Sea."

Mrs. ALPHEN SALVADOR then rose and presented to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick a lovely bouquet of roses from the private nursing schools of Paris, in gratitude for all she had done for the sick, and the nurses of the world through the International Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Fenwick having expressed her thanks for this beautiful gift,

MISS ISLA STEWART expressed her warm thanks for the honour conferred upon her by the Assistance Publique. She then proposed the last toast of the evening,

THE CHAIRMAN.

Miss Stewart, in proposing the health of the Chairman, said that she need not recapitulate the great positions which Lord Ampthill had held, including those of Governor of Madras and for a time Viceroy of India. He had rowed in the Eton and Oxford University Eights, and was a thorough sportsman, which meant that he loved justice and fair play, and when last year he found a group of professional women in sore straits, after due consideration he espoused their cause, and carried the Nurses' Registration Bill triumphantly through the House of Lords without a division. She asked those who were in the Church House on the previous day to look on this picture and on that. British nurses were grateful to Lord Ampthill for all that he had done for them, and were looking to him to do more. With Lord Ampthill as their champion, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick as second in command, the movement for State Registration must ultimately be crowned with success.

LORD AMPHILL, who, on rising to reply, received a great ovation, all present rising, while the band played, "He's a Jolly Good

Fellow," said those present would not disagree if he expressed in a few words his gratitude and deep emotion at the kind spirit in which the toast proposed by Miss Isla Stewart had been received. Public affairs made a man bold and brazen, but on the present occasion he was quite shy. In the position in which he had been placed it was for nurses to command and for him to obey. There was still more work to be done, and he would be proud to resume command, proud to think that he was not considered unworthy to continue the fight. Nothing would make him happier than if he had another opportunity of breaking a lance in the cause of the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

So ended one of the most enjoyable, as also the most memorable, functions connected with our Congress. Never before have distinguished nurses of so many nationalities met together in social intercourse, and the absolute unanimity of thought and purpose which united them is proof of the great future which lies before the Federation of the nurses of the world.

Letter on Behalf of Miss Nightingale, O.M.

The first act of Sister Agnes Karll when elected President of the International Council of Nurses was to send its greetings and assurances of grateful devotion to Miss Florence Nightingale. The following letter, received by the President from Mr. Shore Nightingale, was read by her to the Congress, at the morning session on Friday, July 23rd, and gave much pleasure to the Congress:—

1, Devonshire Place,
Portland Place, W.

22nd July, 1909.

DEAR MADAM,—I write on behalf of my cousin, Miss Florence Nightingale, to thank you for your very gratifying letter of greeting to her from the International Council of Nurses.

I am sure you will regret as much as I do that her great age and infirm health prevent her from giving you her personal thanks for the warm approval of her work which the Council have been good enough to send through you.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

L. H. SHORE NIGHTINGALE.

Sister Agnes Karll,

President, International Council of Nurses.

In our report of the Session on the Private Nurse last week we regret that on page 80, through a clerical error, the name of Miss Lamont was printed as taking part in the discussion.

It should have been Miss Whammond.

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