

Votes of Thanks.

On Friday, the last day of the Congress, votes of thanks were offered and many expressions of courtesy exchanged. At the close of the morning Session, Miss SNIVELY presented a lovely bouquet of carnations to Mrs. Fenwick, saying that the delegation from the Dominion of Canada desired to express to her their appreciation of her kindness in assisting in the formation of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, and of the splendid work she had done for the nurses of the world.

Mrs. FENWICK, in thanking Miss Snively and the Canadian delegation, said that she was almost over-powered by their beautiful gift and the sentiments which inspired them in presenting it. The whole week had been one of the happiest in her life. The young Councils which had now come forward had brought splendid workers to the service of the International Council, and she would watch with interest the progress it was sure to make through their combined effort.

Miss BAIKIE, on behalf of the Canadian delegation, then presented Mrs. Walter Spencer with a beautiful bouquet of roses, saying that they could not take leave of her without expressing their warm thanks for all that she had done for the success of the Congress.

Mrs. SPENCER warmly thanked the Canadian delegation, and said that she should always be proud to have been connected with the Congress. It had been an inspiration. Its success was due in a great measure to those who had come such long distances to take part in it.

On Friday afternoon, Miss TAMM, on behalf of the Swedish members of the Congress expressed their gratitude for these past days, and thanked the Organising Committee, and all the English hostesses, most heartily for giving them such a pleasant opportunity of exchanging ideas with their fellow-workers from other parts of the world, and for the arrangements made for their comfort and convenience; with these thanks she especially mentioned the name of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and asked her acceptance of a charming bouquet of yellow roses, tied with the blue ribbon which combined to make the Swedish colours. The Swedish delegates then rose, and sang their National Anthem.

Mrs. FENWICK thanked the Swedish delegates for their lovely bouquet, which was quite unexpected. She felt she had had more than her share of thanks and flowers. There was a special interest attached to the Swedish delegation, as it came directly from the Dowager Queen Sophia. She thought that in a very short time they would have the happiness of welcoming a Swedish National Council into the International Council.

Mrs. TSCHERNING, on behalf of the Danish delegates, then presented Mrs. Fenwick with a beautiful bouquet of red and white flowers—red and white being the Danish colours—and said that they wished to express their deep gratitude for the delightful hospitality they had received, and for the valuable suggestions which they would take home to their small country from the Congress.

They also wished to present their heart-felt thanks to Miss Dock for all she had meant to the Congress, and to ask her acceptance of a bouquet.

Mrs. FENWICK said: Mrs. Tscherning and the Danish nurses, I thank you very much for this charming bouquet. It gives me great pleasure to have Miss Dock included in this delightful gift, for since the last Quinquennial meeting Miss Dock has been the link between the various countries now affiliated in the International Council of Nurses. We are specially pleased to have the Danish nurses here, as the relations between Denmark and England are of such an intimate nature.

Miss GOODRICH, on behalf of the American delegates, then presented Miss Breay with a bouquet of white gladiolas, tied with the American colours, adding most kind words, and Miss Breay thanked Miss Goodrich most cordially both for her kind words and beautiful flowers.

Another most charming bouquet of mauve orchids and other lovely flowers was presented by Miss BEDFORD on behalf of the Canadian Nurses, to Miss MARY A. SNIVELY, their President, who, by organising their Association, had made it possible for them to take part in the meeting of the International Council and Congress as one of the affiliated Societies. Miss SNIVELY, who was in the chair, warmly thanked the Canadian delegation for their beautiful gift.

But that was not quite all, for Sister Karl, on returning to her hotel, found in her room a splendid cushion of white stocks with the words *Lazarus Kreuz*, in scarlet geraniums standing out in relief, the gift of the German delegates and nurses attending the Congress to the President of their Association, who has been chosen by the International Council of Nurses as its President and leader, for the next triennial period.

VOTES OF THANKS FROM FOREIGN DELEGATES.

The following votes of thanks, moved by Mrs. HANS KOCH (Denmark), and seconded by Miss A. W. GOODRICH (U.S.A.), were unanimously adopted by the foreign delegates:—

The Foreign Delegates and Members beg to offer the following resolutions of thanks:—

“To the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland for its masterly organisation of these four days of Public Congress. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the Officers and Members of the National Council have arranged the comprehensive programmes of these four great days, planned the exhibits, secured a long list of sympathetic aids and co-partners, and printed and published the complete handbook of the Sessions. We congratulate them on their successful work, and thank them for their public spirit.”

“To Mrs. Walter Spencer, the Good Fairy Godmother of the Congress, whose great share has been the immense detail work relating to the social functions and entertainments. We beg her to receive our sincerest gratitude for the unflinching kindness and unruffled courtesy with which she has discharged her exacting duties.”

“To the Stewards, Miss Brodrick, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Faber, Miss Hulme, Miss Saunders, and Miss J. Stewart, who cheerfully gave up all the good

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