

Echoes of the Congress.

Before Miss Mary A. Snively returned to Canada last week she had the honour of receiving the following letter:—

Buckingham Palace.

MADAM,—I am commanded by the King to thank you and the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses for their Address.

His Majesty has had great pleasure in giving them permission to visit the Mausoleum at Frogmore, and he is much touched by the words you make use of in your communication in regard to Queen Victoria.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,

KNOLLYS.

Miss Snively.

We are sure this letter will give much pleasure to the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.

When the rush of the Congress was over, it was delightful to meet so many of the editors, and members of the editorial staffs of journals which are the official organs of nurses' organisations.

From Germany came Sister Agnes Karll, R.N., to whom is due the foundation of *Lazarus Kreuz*, and Sister Hedwig Schmitz, R.N., both active members of the editorial staff of this paper; from the United States of America, Miss S. F. Palmer, editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Nursing*, and Miss L. L. Dock, one of the most prominent members of the editorial staff, well known in this country by her delightful contributions to the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*; from Holland there were members of the editorial committee of *Nosokomos*, notably Miss J. C. van Lanschot-Hubrecht, Hon. Secretary; Finland sent Mrs. Olga Lackström, editor of *Epione*, the official organ of the Finnish Nurses' Association; Miss Wilson, Superintendent of the General Hospital, Winnipeg, Assistant Editor of the *Canadian Nurse*, came from Canada; Miss Luigi, Miss Elston, and Dr. Anna Hamilton, of the Editorial Committee of the *Garde Malade Hospitalière*, from Bordeaux, France; Mrs. Henny Tscherning and members of the editorial staff of *Tidsskrift*, the organ of the Danish nurses; Dr. Auguste Ley, and Dr. Bou langer, members of the editorial committee of *De Vlaamsche Verpleging*; Miss Estrid Rodhe, Editor of the Swedish nurses' journal; and Miss Jacqueline Rutgers, sent by *La Source* Training School, Lausanne, which publishes a journal of that name, also took part in the Congress.

Nurses may be proud that this great International Congress was so successfully organised

through their professional journals, and made known to the world at a minimum amount of expense. It is a practical illustration of the power of their professional press and of its unity of purpose.

Never before have so many representatives of nurses' journals been present at a Congress and Nursing Exhibition, and the forthcoming numbers of these publications will be awaited with great interest, for no similar gathering will have received such world-wide notice.

A noticeable feature of the Congress was the large number of Matrons present from important provincial hospitals, amongst whom may be mentioned:—Miss E. M. Jones (Royal Infirmary, Liverpool), Miss K. V. Macintyre (Royal Infirmary, Wigan), Miss G. Knight (General Hospital, Nottingham), Miss G. A. Rogers (Leicester Infirmary), Miss M. Mollett (Royal South Hants Hospital), Miss Carpenter Turner (Royal Hants County Hospital), Miss B. Chaff (Royal Infirmary, Truro), Miss F. A. Cann (Norfolk and Norwich Hospital), Miss M. Deane (East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich), Miss E. M. Musson (General Hospital, Birmingham), Miss S. J. Munro (County Hospital, Bedford), and many more; and it is interesting to know that a number of hospital committees took a warm interest in the Congress, and in some instances defrayed the expenses of the Matrons who attended.

It has been a great pleasure to us to receive many letters from Matrons expressing their great enjoyment of the Congress and their belief in its far-reaching usefulness and interest.

A SURPLUS.

We think the members of the National Council of Trained Nurses will be pleased to learn that in spite of the liberal scale on which the International Congress of Nurses was organised, the balance-sheet shows a small surplus. This satisfactory result is owing to the fact that the secretarial work and the entire organisation has been voluntary. Some fifty nurses willingly gave their valuable services, and thus combined to make our Congress and Exhibition a quite wonderful success. Women have proved once more their great organising ability and thrifty management.

The inclusive cost of the Congress has been upwards of £600.

As the only medium of advertisement in this country, *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* has proved its far-reaching influence, and how indispensable it is for trained nurses to own an organ of their own to truthfully represent their opinions, support their interests, and unite them professionally.

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