

Echoes of the Congress.

FROM CANADA.

On the evening of August the 27th, Miss Mary E. Snively arrived home at the General Hospital, Toronto, and we learn that the Nursing Staff gave her a right royal welcome. In the evening the Residence was lavishly decorated outside with fairy lanterns, and inside it was a bower of flowers. A delightful programme had been arranged, and when Miss Snively was called upon to speak she received a great ovation from all those present who were delighted to welcome her safely back in their midst after her triumphant travels. Miss Snively spoke eloquently of the International Congress (in which she played so dignified a part), and touched the imagination and hearts of her audience by her report of the visit to Frogmore. The King's appreciative letter has given deep and sincere pleasure to the Canadian National Council of Trained Nurses.

The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem, and "Auld Lang Syne."

FROM INDIA.

Miss C. R. Mill, our international Vice-President in India, writes: "Many congratulations on the great success of the International Congress. I felt so sorry there were no nurses from India present taking part." No doubt in 1912 the Trained Nurses' Association of India, now being discussed, will have taken shape, and will be represented at Cologne.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Miss Child, our Hon. Vice-President in South Africa, writes from Kimberley Hospital: "How I have enjoyed our Journal reports of the Congress. It has indeed been our 'hour,' and the troubles of past efforts fade into success. The whole thing appeals to me so personally, as I have met so many of the principals, and as I read the atmosphere of your spirit comes and inspires me with new strength of purpose. I am so sorry that South African nursing was not represented at the Congress, for comparing it with past times we have made and are making progress; but, of course, it cannot be very apparent until some unity of organisation amongst the nurses exists."

We feel sure there is a great future for nursing in United South Africa. A uniform one portal Registration Bill which is, no doubt, coming along will work wonders.

FROM BELGIUM.

Sister E. Lankester, Directrice of the *Burgerlijk Gasthuis te Vorst* at Brussels, has an appreciative article on the Congress in *De Vlaamsche Verpleging*.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has sent 250 guineas to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital extension scheme, in support of which the Earl of Leicester, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, is to preside at a public meeting at Norwich on Wednesday, October 6th.

The Lord Mayor will lay the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Home at the City of London Lunatic Asylum, at Stone, near Dartford, on the afternoon of September 22nd.

A Blue Book of over 750 pages has been issued as an appendix to the Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws. It contains a report by Mr. Cyril Jackson and the Rev. J. C. Pringle on the effects of employment or assistance given to the "Unemployed" since 1886 as a means of relieving distress outside the Poor Law.

The National Society of Day Nurseries has received a cheque for £500 from the executors of Louisa Lady Goldsmid.

The Local Government Board has granted an application from the Stoke-on-Trent Town Council for permission to include ophthalmia neonatorum among the diseases notifiable within its area. The new Order came into operation in the district on August 28th, and remains in force for twelve months. Other sanitary authorities in the Pottery district are taking steps towards the same end.

What is claimed to be a unique event in connection with hospitals is the provision, entirely by working men and women, of the money required to build a new out-patient department at Coventry, forming part of a large extension scheme at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

Beginning with a contribution of just over £100, obtained by collections of pence in the different factories, the Working Men's Committee have handed over to the hospital £37,000, and they are hopeful of making their minimum annual grant £3,000.

Under the will of Mr. R. V. Coleman, of Dover, subject to certain life interests, a sum apparently amounting to £25,000 is left for the conversion of his residence, "The Shrubbery," into a convalescent home.

At the weekly meeting of the Committee of the West Cornwall Miners' and Women's Hospital, Redruth, a letter was handed to the Chairman from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lanyon, of Tolvean, Redruth, enclosing a cheque for £1,000 towards the funds of the hospital, in celebration of their golden wedding.

The Wemyss Memorial Hospital, given by Lady Eva Wemyss to Wemyss parish, has been opened by

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