

of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the official organ of the National and International Councils of Nurses. The Westminster Town Hall (Caxton Hall) was engaged in accordance with the decision of this Council at its last meeting, the large hall was reserved for an exhibition, and an agent was engaged to secure trade exhibits. It very soon became evident that we could have let much more space had it been available, but a large amount of free space was reserved for the practical exhibits of nurses. However, the payments for space by advertisers in the Journal made the exhibition much more than self-supporting, and paid the whole expense of the halls, leaving the substantial balance of at least £50 towards the general expenses. This, with the money received for the sale of tickets, badges, and programmes, has enabled us to defray the whole cost of the Congress, including the hire of the Church House on the morning of Tuesday, July 20th, and the afternoon of Thursday, July 22nd., which I took the responsibility of engaging for the larger meetings, as it was evident that the Council Chamber of the Caxton Hall was too small for our needs. Besides the receipts above mentioned we had donations towards the expenses from many generous donors, which amounted to £113 5s. A special fund enabled us to entertain the Presidents of the National Councils, the Hon. Vice-President from France, and our International Hon. Secretary at St. Ermin's Hotel during the Congress week, besides the generous hospitality of the larger social functions, which were so enjoyable a feature of our Congress. The result is, that after all expenses are paid, we have a surplus of £2 19s. 7d., and I have the gratifying announcement to make that the guarantee fund will not be called upon.

THE CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

The number of those who participated in the Congress during the week is estimated at about 1,000, but several thousands of persons, nurses and others, visited the exhibition.

This result could only have been achieved by the united efforts and voluntary work of some fifty helpers. The Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Society was placed at the disposal of the Committee free of cost, and a large amount of clerical work was done by Sister Cartwright and Miss Beatrice Kent.

THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Mrs. Walter Spencer, as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, gave her most valuable services, organising the social side of the Congress in a most brilliant manner.

The splendid hospitality offered to the Congress by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Miss Isla Stewart, the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, the ladies who organised the inaugural luncheon, and innumerable items of private hospitality, added greatly to the enjoyment of the Congress. Most hospitable welcomes were also given to members of the Congress by the officers of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Hospital, Millbank, and Miss A. E. Hulme, Superintendent of the Nurses' Lodge, Regent's Park. Miss Macvitie and Miss Clara Lee on two

occasions conducted large parties to the Tower of London. We have also gratefully to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy shown to the members of the Congress by His Majesty the King, who, when abroad, wrote himself giving directions that the nurses should have special facilities for seeing the Castle and the Royal Domain at Windsor, a command which was most courteously carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Miles, Inspector of Windsor Castle. Great gratification was also given to the Canadian delegates by His Majesty's permission to lay a wreath on the tomb of the late Queen Victoria in the Mausoleum at Frogmore.

THE NURSING EXHIBITION.

A number of ladies connected with various Leagues and Societies undertook the larger share of the organisation of the nurses' practical exhibits, and nearly all the expense of providing these exhibits.

THE PRIZES.

Mrs. Hampton Robb, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Sister Agnes Karll were the judges of the Nurses' Practical Exhibits, and made a careful inspection of the sections.

The first prize of £3 3s. was unanimously awarded to the District Nursing Section, organised by Lady Hermione Blackwood, Miss E. C. L. Eden, and Miss C. C. du Sautoy.

The second prize of £2 2s. was awarded to the "Head" Section, arranged by the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, and the third prize of £1 1s. to the Maternity Nursing Exhibit prepared by the St. John's House Nurses' League, and which included the layette from Cuba.

The following exhibits received honourable mention:—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, the Registered Nurses' Society, the Irish Nurses' Association, the German Nurses' Association, the Ecole des Infirmières de l'Assistance Publique of Paris, special mention being made of the chest for school nursing shown by Mme. Jacques, the Ecoles des Gardes Malades at Bordeaux, the Model Mortuary, the School Nursing Exhibit of the London County Council, and that of the London Missionary School of Medicine.

NURSES' INVENTIONS PRIZES.

The First Prize of £2 2s. was awarded to Miss E. C. L. Eden for her Aluminium District Box, and

The Second Prize of £1 1s. was given to Miss Huxley for the Elpis Bed Rest.

THE RESULTS OF THE CONGRESS.

The effect of the Congress has been to bring into close intercourse and friendship the nurses of the world, and to demonstrate to the public the single aim of nurses in their work for the good of the community at large, an aim which, as time goes on, will be more and more apparent.

The opinion of our foreign visitors is crystallised in their "Impressions of the Congress," which have been contributed to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING by a large number of the foreign delegates.

And here I desire to emphasise the value to trained nurses of an organ of their own in the press. Without the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING our Congress would have been impossible. Not only

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