

THE COLOGNE CONGRESS.

THE NURSING EXHIBITION.

The ceremony of opening the Nursing Exhibition in the Marzellen Gymnasium on the morning of Saturday, August 3rd, was one which no one attending the Congress in connection with the meeting of the International Council of Nurses would willingly have missed. The Delegates and others who arrived in Cologne on the evening of Friday, August 2nd, had ample time to obtain their tickets and badges from the bureau at the Gürzenich before going to the Exhibition, and numbers thronged there for this purpose, but, thanks to the excellent arrangements and the courtesy and kindness of the ladies managing the bureau, everyone obtained the necessary tickets as quickly as possible, and thus equipped went out to see something of the city, with its stupendous cathedral, as its centre, dominating the whole, and provided with a guide compiled and dedicated to the visitors to the International Congress of Nurses by the thoughtful kindness of the Cologne Verkehrs-Verein, and published in English, German, French, and Dutch.

The cathedral or Dom Platz was crowded on Saturday morning for the Requiem Mass for the late Archbishop, who was lying in state there, was being sung with all the impressive and gorgeous accompaniments with which the Roman Church knows so well how to honour her faithful sons and daughters, and naturally, for a Cardinal-Archbishop, the ceremonial is on the most magnificent scale possible. A huge congregation filled the cathedral, and in the Platz, troops, commanded by officers splendidly mounted, and wearing gorgeous medals and decorations, were on duty from an early hour.

The Marzellen Gymnasium, where the Nursing Exhibition is being held, is a fine hall kindly lent by the Lord Mayor of Cologne, and freshly decorated for the occasion. The principal hall, which is of fine proportions and beautifully moulded is decorated in gold, and, in the centre, enclosing the exhibit of the Lindenburg, rise four white pedestals bearing baskets of crimson roses in moss, which one sees from all parts of the hall, and which give just the note of colour necessary to perfect the scheme of decoration.

The Committee organizing the Exhibition included Frau Regierungsrat Hoefer, Frau Tiltz, Frau Reg. Rat. Rusack, Herr and Frau Dr. Martin, Herr and Frau Reg. Banmeister-Moritz, Frau Spöckenbach, Frau Dr. Auerbach, Fraulein Worringer, Fraulein Hopmann,

Herr and Frau Geheimrat Bardenheuer, Frau Bürgers, and Herr Ezaplewski.

The opening ceremony was performed by Frau Regierungsrat Hoefer, and grouped about her were distinguished citizens who came to honour the Exhibition with their support, the officers of the International Council of Nurses, delegates, and visitors.

THE GREETING.

Frau Hoefer, in the name of the Committee of workers, and all the leaders, greeted all those present, and extended a special welcome to strangers, saying that the Committee hoped to be able to show what German industry has done to help sick nursing. She spoke of recent wonderful exhibits relating to women's work—public health and nursing—held in Dresden and Berlin, and said she believed in comparison there was no need to feel dissatisfied with results here. She spoke also of the great instructiveness of exhibits as compared with spoken words, and expressed the gratitude of the Committee to the Central Committee of the Red Cross for sending its splendid exhibit.

Models, pictured representations, statistics, indexes, as well as portions of conspicuously good work by both German and foreign nursing sisters, could be studied and compared.

The Committee were specially indebted to the Catholic Nursing Orders for the interest they had shown, and to the German Evangelical Women's Union.

She also thanked the Lord Mayor for his interest and his kindness in lending the hall, and all those authorities who, with counsel and personal work, have helped to bring about the work presented.

THE SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT.

Sister Agnes Karll, President of the International Council of Nurses, said that association in congresses and exhibitions had come to be an essential part of the work of nurses. In order to keep abreast with the times we must meet together and bring to a common centre our knowledge and problems. She outlined the beginnings of our International organization as related by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder, in the last issue of *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, entitled "A Page of Nursing History"; she spoke also of the first Congress in London, and of those in Buffalo and Berlin, and said that the Exhibition had far surpassed her expectations. Also when she saw how the Cologne ladies had transformed the Gymnasium she was greatly delighted. It was a plain, unadorned building, and they had decorated and beautified it. She cordially endorsed the thanks offered to the

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