

Rights, said that its President, Frau Marie Stritt, very much regretted not being able to be present, and said that nurses were doing pioneer work for women's suffrage in obtaining equal rights for men and women, and reminded the audience that if they had equal rights they must realize their responsibility in assisting in the advance of civilization.

Frau Dr. Block spoke in the name of the Prussian Association for Women's Rights, and brought greetings from Frau Minna Cauer, saying that the success of the Congress was specially on her heart. She also expressed the sympathy of the Association for Promoting the Welfare of Mothers and Children.

Herr Georg Streiter, Superintendent of an Association of Male Nurses in Berlin, and speaking in their name, conveyed their greetings, and said that they hoped they might have the ability to use the lessons which they intended to gather from the Congress.

THE WATCHWORD.

The President then invited Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the International Council, to give the Watchword for the next triennial period. Mrs. Fenwick, who was accorded an enthusiastic reception, spoke on Aspiration—a speech reported in full in our last issue, and which was greeted with evident approbation. Upon leaving the rostrum, the President presented Mrs. Fenwick with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

TAKEN AS READ.

The minutes of the London meeting were taken as read. The reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were taken as read, Miss Breay announcing a balance in hand of £44.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick then said that when the International Council of Nurses met in London three years ago the unanimous choice of a President fell on Sister Agnes Karll. How happy that choice had been those attending the present Congress were beginning to realize. In addition to her international work Sister Karll had done, and was doing, a great work for German nurses, and it was largely owing to her that they had gained a measure of professional status, and English nurses, with their own strenuous fight for this object, were in deep sympathy with her aims.

Mrs. Fenwick said that one of the happiest moments in her life was when the Hon. Membership of the German Nurses' Association was conferred upon her. She had

now, as President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, the pleasure to invite Sister Karll to become its first Hon. Member.

In the name of the Council, the Hon. Secretary, Miss Beatrice Cutler, asked Sister Karll to accept a bouquet of beautiful pink carnations in token of its admiration for her work.

In expressing her warm thanks for the honour conferred upon her, Sister Karll said that she believed that Internationalism would do great things for the peace of the world, and in this work nurses would share.

The whole audience then rose and remained standing while the German National Anthem resounded through the Hall.

THE AFFILIATION OF NATIONAL COUNCILS.

INDIA.

The President reported that the International Council of Nurses learnt with gratification that the National Association of Nurses of India had applied for affiliation. This was the first application of a National Association including Oriental nurses amongst its members, and it was therefore specially welcome. She proposed from the chair that the application be accepted.

This having been unanimously agreed, Miss Annie R. Creighton, Vice-President of the National Association of Nurses of India, said:

"MADAM PRESIDENT, AND FRIENDS.—In the name of the Trained Nurses of India I thank you for the very kind way in which you have welcomed us into affiliation with the International Council of Nurses. Few, I think, have any conception of the vastness of the Empire or realise that in the State of Bengal alone the population is greater than that in the whole of the United States of America, and that in the United Provinces is greater than that of Japan.

"It was in 1905 that a few nurses met in a place in Lucknow and founded the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, and subsequently defined a course of training for natives extending over three years. A drawback in connection with the teaching of natives is that at present there are so few text books in the vernacular. A Central Board for the examination of nurses has now been established in Bombay, and in the Punjab, the United Provinces, and in South India there is also a Board of Nursing Examiners.

"The Trained Nurses' Association has now affiliated with the Superintendents' Association, and any nurse, whether English or Indian, who attains to the standard which it imposes is admitted to membership.

"I thank you all for the welcome you have extended to us and am sure that we shall find a tower of strength and a treasury of wisdom with you."

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