

Mrs. W. H. Klosz, R.N., one of the delegates from India, read a letter from Miss C. R. Mill, Hon. Vice-President for India, describing the lines on which the organization of nurses in India had taken place, giving a brief account of the various branches of nursing work in the Empire and wishing the Congress and Exhibition every success.

The Association was then welcomed into membership to the strains of the British National Anthem, and the President presented to Miss Creighton a lovely sheaf of white lilies and introduced to the audience as the delegates present from India Miss Creighton and Mrs. Klosz.

NEW ZEALAND.

The President said that the Trained Nurses' Association of New Zealand had applied for affiliation, and it was with much pleasure that she proposed from the chair that the application be accepted. This having been unanimously approved, Miss Jeannie M. Sutherland, one of the delegates from New Zealand, said :

It is a great privilege and a great honour to be present at this International Congress of Nurses, and to have come such a distance to accept for my native country and for my training school what it specially deserves—affiliation with you.

We New Zealanders are very proud of our country, and we New Zealand nurses are very proud of our profession and our training schools. Ours was the first country, I believe, to obtain legal status as a whole for its nurses. We have had State Registration for ten years now, as the Act was passed in 1901.

We who were trained before then had been urging it for some years, feeling that it would raise the standard of our profession, be a protection to us, and would gradually eliminate all the untrained or partially trained women from the nursing ranks and also abolish the unfit and unsuitable hospitals.

Legal status has raised the tone of our profession, and we are now on quite a different footing to what we were before the Act was passed. Individual nurses responded to a professional inspiration and gave their support to organisation through State Registration, with the result that we have now a thoroughly efficient professional nursing service, such as State Registration demands.

We have now in New Zealand four branches of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, one in each centre, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Each has a local Council with a president and vice-president. There is also a Central Council with representatives from each branch controlling the whole of New Zealand. We held our first Interprovincial Congress at Wellington in 1909; the second Triennial Meeting will be held at Dunedin in 1912, this year. It is to be held in a different centre each time, and

delegates sent from each Council. This is bringing all the centres into line and is doing away with provincial conservatism, and will help to bring the whole profession in New Zealand into friendly union.

There is now an established professional standard for the whole of New Zealand; before each centre was a law unto itself. We find that this friendly union has promoted mutual acquaintance and been of mutual help, and this self-government of nurses in our associations is helping to raise ever higher the standard of the nursing education, and of professional ethics, and of the public usefulness of the nurse. We hope for that full development of the human being and citizen in every nurse which shall best enable her to bring her professional knowledge and skill to the many-sided service that modern society demands of her.

Sister Karl presented Miss Sutherland with a beautiful bouquet of lilies, and introduced to the meeting as the New Zealand delegates Miss Sutherland, Miss Beswick, and Mrs. Holgate, and the New Zealand Association of Trained Nurses was welcomed into membership to the sound of the National Anthem.

HON. VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SWITZERLAND.

The President proposed that Sister Emmie Oser, of Zurich, should be appointed the Hon. Vice-President for Switzerland, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick explained that the custom had been found advantageous to appoint a prominent member of the nursing profession in countries where the profession was not ripe for national organization, to interest the nurses in the work of the Council, in the hope of building up a national association of nurses.

Sister Emmie Oser was unanimously elected to the office of Hon. Vice-President in Switzerland, and in expressing her thanks for the honour, spoke as follows :

GREETING FROM SWITZERLAND.

In the name of the Swiss Council of Nurses, and as their delegate, I offer greeting and good wishes to the International Council of Nurses on the occasion of their meeting in Cologne. I wish to express my most heartfelt thanks for their choice, which I look upon as a great honour. I consider the acceptance of a delegate from Switzerland as a fresh proof of the open-hearted sympathy which has always been shown to us by all countries.

Our Swiss Council of Nurses was founded in November, 1910, in connection with the Swiss school of nursing and Women's Hospital in Zurich, and the Red Cross Nursing School in Berne, with the object of raising the profession and of economically furthering the independence of sick nursing, midwifery and nursing of children. It embraces at the present time four sections, viz., the Association of Nurses in Zurich, Berne, Nuremburg and

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