

Badge presented to him by Sister Agnes Karll had, he said, given him more pleasure than medals won in battle. He took it to mean that he now belonged to the nurses, and honour as well as duty compelled him for the future to fight in the good cause. He concluded by offering a toast to "the generals."

Dr. Paul Jacobsohn said if all the nurses were like those present he thought there would be very little illness. He expressed his good wishes for an entente cordiale, first between doctors and nurses, and secondly between nurses themselves.

Sister Agnes Karll, referring to the acceptance of the Presidency of the Council by Miss A. W. Goodrich, asked the American delegates to convey to her the pleasure which her decision had given to the Council. She also expressed her thanks to all those who had come so far to attend the Congress, and read the list of the twenty-three nationalities included in its members, all of whom she hoped to meet in San Francisco in three years time. She also warmly thanked the City of Cologne and the women of Cologne for all they had done for the success of the Congress.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick expressed her pleasure at the great success of the Congress, and in thanking the President for her work, not only for the German Nurses' Association, but for the nurses of the world, offered for her acceptance, on behalf of the British nurses present, including those of Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa, a beautiful bouquet of pink roses. She also, on their behalf, expressed gratitude to the ladies and gentlemen of Cologne for the splendid reception accorded to the members of the Congress.

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Mrs. Fenwick went on to say that all the splendid vitality characterising the members of the Congress must not be allowed to evaporate, but should be utilised for some practical purpose, and after consultation with Miss Nutting and others, she had the honour now to propose that at the Cologne Congress steps should be taken to institute an appropriate memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. Miss Nightingale was above all nationality, and belonged to every age and every country. She was endowed with the genius to realise that nursing must follow scientific medicine as its handmaid.

To fulfil this great mission aright, those who practised it must be adequately equipped; and her proposition was that the nurses of the world should co-operate to found an educational memorial, in memory of Miss Nightingale, which would benefit the nurses of the world. It was peculiarly appropriate that the proposition, which she hoped would commend itself to those present, should be made at Cologne, near to Kaiserswerth, where Florence Nightingale came to learn the fundamental principles of the art which she afterwards practised and taught for the benefit of humanity.

Sister Karll, in thanking Mrs. Fenwick for her kind personal words, expressed on behalf of German nurses high approval of the proposal made by her.

Miss M. A. Nutting said that she had no hesitation in answering for American nurses—not any. No one for a day could withhold their support to a proposition for the endowment of an educational memorial in her honour—a real memorial to Florence Nightingale could take no other form; and it should be founded in the country where Florence Nightingale lived her life, and where she left her greatest memorial.

Miss M. A. Snively, as one of the founders of the International Council of Nurses, and a past president of the National Association of Nurses in Canada, expressed her complete sympathy with the proposition. She believed that a memorial, educational in its nature, was one which Miss Nightingale would approve. "Pioneers pass, but leave behind them a world transformed out of the resemblance to that on which they opened their eyes."

Miss Mejan, a Dutch delegate, also spoke; and Miss Lütken, of Denmark, expressed the thanks of Danish nurses for their "perfect reception."

Miss Creighton, after thanking the Council for the reception accorded to the Indian delegates, said, on behalf of the nurses of India, that she was sure they would heartily co-operate in the proposal just made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Miss Sutherland (New Zealand) also supported the proposed memorial, and said she would go back to New Zealand inspired with the spirit of internationalism. New Zealand nurses were not behind others in helping a good object.

Miss Take Hagiwara, of Japan, addressing Sister Agnes Karll, then said: "Our soul and our spirit have been refreshed by the unhymnable source of knowledge which draws us on by a magic bond far to the Star of Hope. I hardly know if I can find words or poetry that can suffice to thank our President, Sister Agnes Karll. To-day, dear Sister, we are striving towards the same goal with united hearts, and may trees with sweet-scented blossoms be covered later with the noblest of fruits." Miss Hagiwara then presented Sister Karll with a laurel wreath tied with red and white ribbons, inscribed in gold.

Miss Wakakani, another Japanese delegate, said: "It will be a never-to-be-forgotten picture of my heart that, as delegate of the Mitsui Sister of Mercy Hospital, with those of the Red Cross, I was able to take part in this most interesting and instructive Congress, which closes with this splendid banquet. For all the kindness and attention of my honoured sisters, which will be stored up as treasures in my mind, I should like to express my warmest thanks. I shall share these treasures with my sisters of Japan, when I go back; and so further our cause in my own country."

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