

The area to be covered in going round this great building was immense—and we had already inspected Neuenahr. Up and down stairs we went, as our guide led off at a good pace, as one visitor remarked, "faint yet pursuing," but were rewarded by an insight into a very well managed and interesting institution. A much admired department was the gymnasium, with massage and electrical department, where rowing, sculling, and all kinds of exercises can be indulged in. Shouts of laughter greeted Miss Clara Lee as she

adventured upon the mechanical horse worked by electricity, and, though jolted up and down with surprising rapidity, courageously stuck to her mount, which must afford fine exercise for the liver. Another department which excited much admiration was that exhibiting specimens of the handicraft of non-paying patients, including wood carving of high excellence. The charges for paying patients appear most reasonable—from 10 marks (shillings) a day upwards, including medical attendance.

By the time the round of the establishment had been made, every one was ready for tea, to which they were bidden by the Herr and Frau Director—and tea under the most perfect conditions possible.

Long tables, decorated with lovely roses, and laden with every kind of delectable cake, were laid in a lovely green bower, hundreds of feet in length; and tea, followed by delicious ices and fruit drinks, was served by many willing hands.

All good things come to an end at last, and with them the golden day spent at Neuenahr and Ahrweiler; but not before the last words had been spoken.

Geheimrat Dr. von Ehrenwall, who, on rising to speak, was greeted with loud applause, said that he had been honoured by an invitation to the Congress meetings in Cologne, and had been

much struck by the earnestness and discipline of the members. In an association of which he had been a member for thirty years, he had never met such profound earnestness and harmony as were so noticeable at the Nurses' Congress meetings. Your Council is, he said, already honourably conspicuous; but you will agree with me, if I ask you to think once more of it, and that it may always help to stimulate your zeal. The International Council of Nurses, and its German head, Sister Agnes Karll. *Hoch! hoch! hoch!*

Sister Karll said that on the last, as on the first time we met together, in the Congress week, it devolved upon her to express her thanks. The foreign guests had seen something of German hospitality, and especially of the hospitality of the Rhenish provinces; they had also had their wish fulfilled in listening to much German music. The members of the Congress desired to express their thanks for all the hospitality they had received on the Rhine. It was the personal note of kindness which was so conspicuous in its festivities, which it valued so much, and the good fellowship of its members, who were not only united as professional workers, but by the harmony of their aims. It was this which promised success in the future, and in this hope she said *auf*

*wiedersehen* in San Francisco. She also said *auf wiedersehen* to our dear hosts, Herr and Frau Geheimrat von Ehrenwall; and asked them to accept the sincere thanks of the members of the Congress for the kind welcome they had given them, and which they would always remember with profound pleasure. And, by-and-by, when the special train passed out of the station, there was a great fluttering of handkerchiefs and kissing of hand.

"Cologne, 1912," a very wonderful chapter in the history of the International Council of Nurses, was closed.



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