

so also is the tumbling, roaring, boisterous Tamina, as it rushes in such hot haste over its rocky bed in the beautiful gorge. The sound of it makes the tongue silent, and the thoughts active. One is just fitting through my brain; I must arrest it, for there is symbolism in it that will fit my impressions of the Congress. Great boulders lie in the bed of the Tamina; the water cannot flow over them, or through them; but it flows *round* them. They are great obstacles to the *smooth* passage of the water, but they do not stop for a single instant the steady, determined flow of the water *onward*. This life-giving stream, which contains in itself special healing properties (medicinal waters) must go FORWARD.

I won't insult the intelligence of the readers of this Journal by explaining the parable! Five hundred and fifty women, of twenty-three nationalities and many languages, meeting together with one aim and purpose—the alleviation of sickness and distress—is a thought which must have made the hearts of all who attended the Congress, and who have since been quietly thinking about it, thrill with pleasure. This representative number means, of course, that a large part of the civilised world approves of internationalism among trained nurses, altruism—brotherly love. So "let brotherly love continue"—and continue to *increase*.

Among the many impressions of our inspiring Congress two stand out vividly before my mental vision. We were welcomed by a representative of the Government! I am grateful to the German Government for this recognition. It is a great and important advance. Three years ago, when the Congress was held in London, no such act of courtesy was extended to our foreign visitors by the British Government. Without wishing for one moment to minimise so gracious an act, one cannot but feel that it was largely due to the fact that German nurses enjoy State Registration, and therefore are recognised by the State as an important entity of the State, so all nurses were welcomed for their sakes. My grateful thanks are also due to the organisers of the Congress for having given Women's Suffrage a prominent place on the agenda of the first day's session. That a resolution in favour of it should have been passed unanimously by an international assembly of women marks great and most encouraging progress, and shows the trend of thought of women engaged in important social service, and verifies the words of Sister Henriette Arendt: "*throughout the world all women are asking for a voice.*"

Surely the highest form of patriotism, namely, the care of the sick, should be rewarded by the granting of the right to use the political "voice" in the best interests of humanity at large.

In conclusion, I would like to record my deepest gratitude to Sister Agnes Karll and all her helpers, for their strenuous labours on our behalf. The Congress was magnificent—was inspiring.

BEATRICE KENT.

I shall keep an everlasting remembrance of my short stay at Cologne, and I must express at once my admiration for the methodical and practical direction of the Congress.

In this magnificent pageant of the "Gürzenich," the living representation of nursing throughout the world showed its remarkable unity. I left the room greatly impressed, and felt a sincere need to embrace these friendly women to whom I am so deeply attached, without considering their nationality, who have the same tasks and the same ideals as myself.

I am very grateful to Sister Agnes Karll and to the Cologne nurses for having organised the touching pilgrimage to the spot where Florence Nightingale studied, and my monitresses and I will ever think of the delightful greeting we received at the Deaconesses' House.

(Mlle.) CLÉMENT.

Matron of the Salpêtrière's Training School for Nurses, Paris.

Last night I asked my Norwegian comrades at the Congress what they thought about it. I am afraid I shall not be able to express in English all the warm words and praise I heard about the delightful and interesting time we had in Cologne, and how very well we thought everything arranged and done. We were impressed to see what a wonderful vitality the movement has had in the nursing world. After having been at this international meeting for nurses, and heard of the standing and work of our profession in the different countries, and the splendid lectures and discussions, the spirit of federation must enter everyone, and give a great impetus to organisation.

Every nurse in the world must be grateful to the founders of this great movement.

We Norwegians are heartily grateful for the needed impetus, and for all that we have learned.

I am, sincerely yours,

BERGLJOT LARSSON.

I was about to say, "Now that the Congress is over," but to say so would be an error. Such an event in history can never be over. I should rather say, now that we are reading the accounts of the Congress in our BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, we realise what a grand forward movement has been made in the nursing world. It is impossible to give the atmosphere that enveloped the fortunate people who were present at the Congress, but those who have the interest of their profession at heart may read of the whole-hearted thoroughness which it is evident must have characterised the arrangements to produce such perfect organisation for the benefit of the representatives of the world's nurses. But, as Miss Dock said in her delightful speech on the night of the banquet at the Hotel Disch, we should not be surprised that Sister Agnes Karll made such a complete conquest of her workers for the Con-

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