

gress to bring all to such a perfect issue, for is she not German, and are not the Germans thorough in all they undertake?

So, in my estimation, that in itself is a great lesson to all who would be nurses, or organisers of the training of nurses. Be thorough, and you may even aspire to conducting an International Congress of Nurses. For myself, I feel but a small atom to represent South Africa, but as yet United South Africa is young, and when we consider that the population of London is greater than the whole of South Africa, it is not to be wondered at that we should consider ourselves young. But I feel sure that at no great distance of time we shall have a Society of Trained Nurses to form a Council, and so give the keynote necessary to identify South African trained nurses.

At present very few matrons of hospitals have been trained in the country, and each matron seems contented to remain attached to her mother country or training school, and consequently the nursing profession in the "little continent" cannot at present consider themselves a united profession. The one great help—at least to the public—there, is that it is a country demanding State Registration, and [when the medical councils of the various States once unite and secure the help in their deliberations for the good of nurses of a trained matron on their executive committee, I think the foundation will be laid of a South African Matron's Council, which will inspire the nurses trained in that country to be proud of their profession and training school.

Therefore, I say the Congress is not over, for our *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* will carry the news, and the Watchword given by our founder, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will be read even in so-called "Darkest Africa," and at the next Congress I trust the sunny land may be represented in greater strength, and report news of progress in all branches. Before closing my letter I must again state that, although English trained, I was very proud to find waiting for me at Cologne an armlet of white satin, with "Sud Afrika" printed thereon, shewing that a representative was expected.

I am with you in all your most forward desires.

J. C. CHILD.

*Hon. Vice-President for South Africa.*

As the foreword is "Aspiration," the whole spirit of the Congress was aspiration. The result will be lasting "inspiration."

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*Fraternal Delegate,*

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Miss Take Hagiwara is now staying in London, and Miss Watahara and Miss Yamamoto, the other fraternal delegates from Japan to the Cologne Congress, are staying at St. Thomas' Hospital for a few weeks, in order to get a practical insight into English nursing methods.

## THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

It will not surprise those who were eye-witnesses of the organizing genius of the Cologne ladies' Committee to know that the Congress was a great financial success. When Sister Agnes Karll, a stranger to Cologne and its citizens, arrived there to make arrangements for the Congress she had two assets—a good cause to plead and a forceful and charming personality. With these she succeeded in arousing the interest of influential ladies in Cologne, and, once secured, the personal and financial support they gave was unbounded. They began by raising a substantial fund wherewith to finance the Congress, and, at the close, the balance derived from this fund, from the sale of Congress tickets, and from charges for admission to the Exhibition, amounts to no less than some 9,000 marks, *i.e.*, £450, which has been handed over to Sister Karll towards the expenses of delegates to San Francisco. After this who can doubt the genius of women for finance.

## CONGRESS ALBUMS.

Miss Cutler made a very interesting suggestion at Cologne. She proposes to compile a Congress Album, inserting postcards, photos, and other items which will in the future remind her of things and people met at Cologne specially deserving of note. What a pity such a record has not been kept of all our happy international meetings! It would have been a great asset to our international library.

We have to thank several of those present at the recent Congress for copies of charming snapshots taken. Those done by Miss C. A. Tait McKay are specially good, and she has most kindly said that copies of these photos may be obtained from her for cost of printing. A most lifelike picture of Miss Dock on her way to the Congress—laughing, of course—her arms full of business books, is most precious, as we have never seen a good likeness of her before, and this is splendid.

Miss McGill has a very sweet one of the grave of Friederike Fliedner.

Miss R. B. Downing has an excellent picture of the block at the Seminary at Kaiserswerth, with the decorated windows of Miss Nightingale's room; and Miss Child has also some happy results from her snapshots.

Miss Tait McKay's address is County Superintendent, Clifton Villa, Truro. Her pictures would be a great addition to any album of reminiscences.

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