

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Sister Agnes Karll presiding.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The business of the Congress having terminated, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, rose to convey to Sister Agnes Karll, the President of the International Council of Nurses, the thanks of the British Council, from all the members who had the happiness to be present, and from those at home, for her wonderful organisation of the Congress, which had been such a splendid success throughout.

Mrs. Fenwick said it was impossible to express in words the happiness she had experienced during the international association of the world's devoted and public-spirited nurses in Germany. One had but to watch the earnest faces day by day to realise what an impetus the Congress would give to nursing in Germany—and, indeed, throughout the world.

Thirteen years ago, when a few nurses met together in London to found the International Council of Nurses, it would have been almost impossible to imagine that thousands of nurses throughout the world would be so warmly in sympathy with its aims, and so wonderfully inspired with the spirit of solidarity that in so short a time they would come from the ends of the earth to take part in its deliberations. Such

a Congress helped the nursing profession to realise not only their influence, but to appreciate their responsibility.

In conclusion, Mrs. Fenwick offered a warm tribute of affection and admiration to Sister Agnes Karll, from the British delegates, and members of the Congress, not only for the wonder-

ful stimulus to intellectual endeavour they had received from association with their German colleagues, but also for the generous hospitality and charming kindness extended to them during the never-to-be-forgotten visit to the lovely Rhineland, and the fascinating City of Cologne.

A FLORAL TRIBUTE.

A very pretty impromptu ceremony then followed, when Sister Hulda Barlen ascended the platform, and on behalf of the German Nurses

Association, presented to Sister Agnes Karll a magnificent basket of flowers, lilies, Guelderroses, red and pink blooms, and deep red leaves, tied with the German colours, with the following words—

"In the name of the German Nurses' Association I offer you, dear Sister Agnes, our warmest thanks. Our thanks for the self-forgetting devotion with which you have, for the last ten years, given yourself to the work of the organisation. Our thanks for the singleness of purpose with which you have laboured to improve the disadvantages under which we nurses have struggled, by your striving to shape a future for us in which we, like our foreign Sisters, shall be protected against over-burdening and exhaustion and be enabled to devote ourselves wholly and buoyantly to our beloved work.

"We all know with what extraordinary energy and success you have devoted yourself to the preparations for this Congress, and how completely the desire to help us dominated you. You have already led us onward for a part of the way, and, if it should be gratifying to you to realise that you have won for yourself a lasting fame in the

history of nursing, it may give you even more happiness to know that you hold a secure place in the hearts of German Sisters the world over. In these, our supreme days of meeting, each Sister holds you dear with heartfelt gratitude. I ask the meeting to unite with me in offering this token of our honour of, and love for, Sister Agnes Karll."



DIE HEILIGE ELIZABETH
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