

After the German nurses came Sister Emmy Lindhagen who, in the name of the Swedish nurses present, asked Sister Karll to accept a bouquet of white roses, tied with the Swedish colours, blue and yellow. The Danish National Council presented lemon and white roses, a note of stronger colour being added by the red and white ribbons. From the Dutch Nurses' Association Guelder roses formed an appropriate offering, the Norwegian nurses present brought sweet peas; Mrs. Lackström (editor of *Epione*), lilies and marigolds, till the platform seemed a bower of sweet scented blooms.

Miss Nutting, speaking on behalf of the American Nurses' Association, said that she only wished the far country of America had been able to send a much larger delegation. No one appreciated the great German nation and its possibilities more than America, and on behalf of the delegation from the United States she desired to express heartfelt admiration of the organization of the Congress, and warm thanks for the kindness the delegates had received.

Miss Creighton, delegate of the National Associations of Superintendents and Nurses of India, expressed the thanks of Indian nurses to the nurses of other nations for all the ideas and inspiration they had received. In the Empire of India they had sometimes to travel over a thousand miles to attend Conferences, and to Germany it was much farther, but it was worth travelling round the world to be present at this Congress. All Indian nurses would be glad to know that some of their number had been privileged to participate in it.

Mrs. Holgate, delegate from New Zealand, said that she wished to express the heartiest thanks for all that she had learnt, and for the pleasure of these Congress days. If all passed on the knowledge they had gained the nurses of the world would soon have votes for women. She thought the members of the Congress were deeply indebted

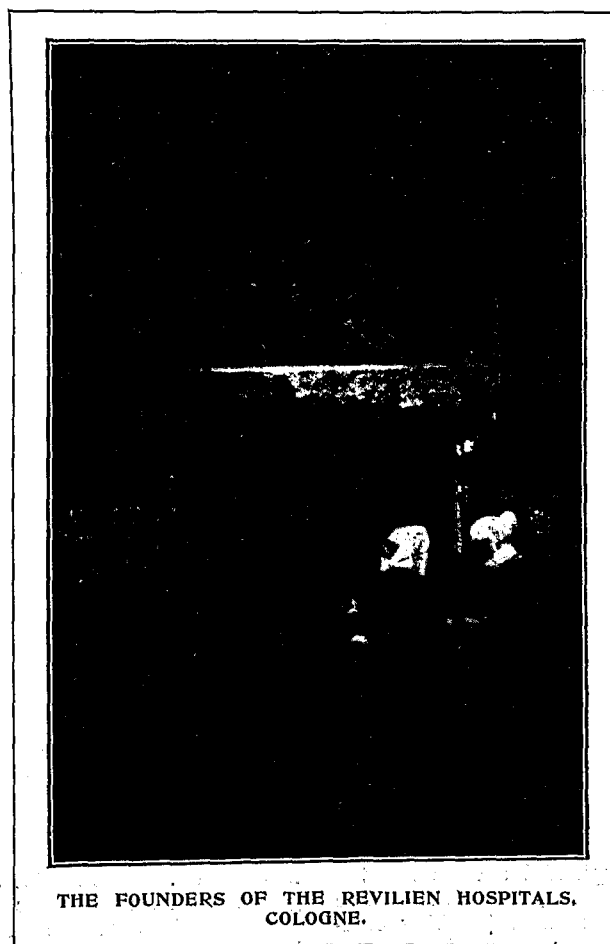
to Sister Karll, and the members of the German Nurses' Association, and others who had made it such a splendid success. She hoped to have the pleasure of seeing many of the nurses she had met and the friends she had made in Cologne, in California, in 1915.

#### OFFICIAL VOTES OF THANKS.

Sister Karll, having warmly thanked the various speakers for their expressions of goodwill and for the lovely flowers presented to her, then proposed officially a number of votes of thanks on behalf of the International Council of Nurses, and of the German Nurses' Association, which organized the Congress. These included votes of thanks to the German cities and societies which sent delegates, to the foreign National Councils and Societies of Nurses, and especially to the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland for arousing the interest which caused so many British Societies to send representatives; to the Belgian Government and to the cities of Brussels and Antwerp, and to the societies in Belgium, which sent doctors, lay representatives, and nurses as their delegates; and to the Japanese Red Cross Society and the Mitsui Hospital, for sending three distinguished nurses to represent them.

To those foreigners who presented their

reports in German, thus enabling the German members of the Congress to follow their papers; to the families of the Cologne ladies, the mothers and husbands, who spared them to devote so much time to the service of the Congress; to the press who throughout the Congress days had constantly attended and devoted so much time to their arduous work. Never before, said Sister Karll, had so many and such good reports been published over the whole country on nursing matters. Last year at the Dresden Congress only eighteen papers published reports, although splendid printed



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