

From Strasbourg Sister Agnes Karll and Miss J. C. van Lanschot Hubrecht write: "We send you and all our Irish friends, with our love, the best congratulations on the splendid Dublin Congress." It was a mutual disappointment that owing to home engagements Sister Agnes was unable to be with us in Dublin.

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### "THERE'S GLADNESS IN REMEMBRANCE."

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Our Nursing Conference is over, and we have returned to England great gainers by our intercourse with our Irish sisters, fired by a resolve to learn more of their country, and to approach nearer to a people who have opened their arms to us in a never-to-be-forgotten welcome.

Anxious to put at once this "resolve" into practice, we started by purchasing a "History of Ireland," to study on our homeward journey, and the opening pages made one pause and think!

"Is the English Realm," asks the historian, "the richer for Ireland?"

The historian may, if he chooses, ask this question, the politician may be able to prove his points, but I venture to disagree with him at the outset.

Ireland may not bring gold to our English coffers, she may not increase our prestige in trade and commerce, but she gives to us higher gifts than these, she imbues us with the qualities that we so sadly need, and to the lack of which we owe so many of our failures. Have not we, as a body of professional women, returned to our work warmed and invigorated and enthused by *one week* of contact with this lovable warm-hearted people?

Have we not learnt from them lessons in courtesy and tact, virtues often conspicuous by their absence in our English Hospitals and Institutions? We may pride ourselves on superiority in method and order, in our powers of organisation and discipline, but have we not received from them in exchange the inspiration, the poetry, and spirituality in work, without which our best efforts are flat, stale and unprofitable?

Yes, dear Irish sisters, we are indeed the richer for our visit to your fair land. We will leave it to politicians to dispute the much-vexed question of Ireland's value as an asset to England, and with one accord thank you for the gifts that you have lavished on us and laid at our feet.

We are back at work, glowing with the "gladness of remembrance," happy in the friendships we have formed with you, and inspired with the

wish to carry into the lives around us the spirit that you teach and inculcate, the giving out of self in ever-generous help and ready sympathy.

There is "gladness in remembrance," in looking back!

There is gladness in looking forward to next year, and to our next Nursing Conference, when Irish and English will again clasp hands and teach politicians and historians this lesson, viz, that our very differences in temperament and character only serve to unite us more closely one to another.

ANNIE E. HULME.

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### THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

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The Annual Meeting of above Society will be held on Friday, July 18th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., at 4 p.m. The Chair will be taken by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and an Address will be delivered by Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Several Resolutions will be submitted. After the Meeting members and guests are most kindly invited by Mrs. Walter Spencer to tea at 2, Portland Place.

As it is very important, that registrationists should prove how deeply in earnest they are in their demand for professional organization and State protection, and how determined they are to protest against the grave injustice to their social status, in being classed with criminals in the white slave traffic—who now pose as nurses and bring disgrace on their uniform—we urge every member of the Society who possibly can to attend. Let Friday, 18th July, be reserved for attendance at the Annual Meeting.

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### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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The Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at Bournemouth on July 25th next in the Bourne Hall Hotel at 3 p.m. An open meeting will follow at 3.45, at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will give a short address on State Registration of Nurses. Miss Christina Forrest has most kindly invited the members to tea in the garden of the Nurses' Home, if fine. If the weather is not propitious the reception will be held in the hotel Lounge.

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