

which grouped in a beautiful harmony thirty-four nations, and which was not yet at the end of its development. Only the future could reveal all that would undertake for the ennobling, raising, and greater usefulness and well-being of the Nursing Profession.

When Mrs. Fenwick stood and acknowledged Mlle. Chaptal's kind words, the members of the Conference rose and cheered. Mrs. Fenwick said that she needed no thanks as Founder of the International Council of Nurses. Her thanks were in the Hall.

Mlle. Chaptal also thanked Miss Nina Gage, the President of the Council for the way in which she had discharged the heavy duties of her office. Miss Reimann, the Secretary, at the disposition of everybody, Mlle. Odier, and the devoted Local Committee, Mrs. Strong and others.

Thus ended the General Sessions of the Conference, but the majority of the members met the following day for the memorable and most enjoyable visit to Leysin. We hope to make further reference to Dr. Rollier's great work.

In her report of this Session in *L'Infirmière Française*, Mlle. Grenier writes:—"Mlle. Chaptal has forgotten no one in her expression of gratitude; it is my turn to thank her for all that she has been throughout the Congress. I believe I am voicing the views of all the French Nurses in expressing our thanks to her from the depths of our hearts. Thanks for having represented us as she so well knows how to do. Thanks for having translated for us from the platform the speeches of the English and German Nurses, and in so doing sometimes a personal note not lacking in piquancy and charm, and thank you, thank you a thousand times, for carrying on high the French Flag and for having secured for our country its place among the thirty-four nations represented."

THE BRITISH CONTINGENT.

Upwards of 160 Associated Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain attended the Geneva Conference, quite a number of whom had in past years helped to build up the National and International Councils of Nurses. These ladies have, we are glad to note, acquired the "Congress habit," and greatly add to its success. A large contingent—members of the College of Nursing Ltd., now associated in our National Council—attended for the first time, and from some of them we gathered how much they appreciated the work of their countrywomen who had for many years contributed to the upraising of international amenities, and how greatly they had enjoyed the professional and social programmes arranged for them.



A POLISH NURSE.



MISS ELLEN NYLANDER,
Matron of the Second Medical Hospital of the
University Hospitals, Helsingfors. Finnish Nurses.

ROUND TABLES.

A number of subjects were discussed simultaneously at six Round Tables on the morning of Friday, July 29th.

We print in this issue that on "Ways and Means of Promoting Professional Efficiency and Personal Development of Trained Nurses Working on the Staffs of Hospitals and Public Health Organisations," held at the Salle Centrale, and those on "Methods of Supervision and Record Keeping in Public Health Organisations," and "The Nursing Profession in Relation to Mental Hygiene," held at the Ecole Secondaire, rue d'Italie.

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In the Salle Centrale, a large gathering was prepared to listen to the speaker on the two-fold aspect of the above subject.

The Chairman, Mlle. Mechelynck, Directrice Générale des Infirmières Visiteuses, Belgium, in a very few words introduced Miss Lillian Clayton, President of the American Nurses' Association, who gave a most interesting paper on the development of the idea of Joint Conferences between the Nursing Staff and the Administrative Staff.

She emphasised the need for maintaining the complete co-operation of the Head Nurse in the wards in all the proposed developments and undertakings contemplated by the Management Committee.

The Head Nurse needed to understand the aims and outlook of the Student Nurses, and she should be given opportunities for making character studies. In making colleagues of the Head Nurses through the medium of the frequently held conferences which all the permanent staff would be expected to attend, they would inevitably work in more complete understanding, sympathy and unity of purpose.

The Head Nurse should be given opportunities for interesting herself in professional work outside her own hospital. It was especially important that she should be released to attend Professional Post Graduate Courses, and she should be encouraged in every possible way to contribute to the well-being of the Hospital. The result would be good work done, a satisfied authority, and an enthusiastic staff.

The question was often asked, What kind of Conference should be held? It would be covered by four points:—

1. The Superintendent should read to the Head Nurses the report of the Hospital, and each Head

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