

THE DEPARTURE OF OUR DELEGATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND CONGRESS AT MONTREAL.

To speed the parting guest is a time-honoured custom, and such an important occasion as the Quadrennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and the Nurses' Congress, now in session at Montreal, naturally inspired members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, unable to be present on this great occasion, to give evidence of their interest in the event—especially as for the first time one of the great Dominions is acting hostess to the International Council in Canada.

THE PRESIDENT'S LITTLE DINNER PARTY.

On Thursday, June 13th, the President of our National Council (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) assembled at dinner at the Café Monico the Officers of the National Council, and members of the Montreal Sub-Committee, to meet and wish "God speed" to her representative, Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N., Founder Member, International Council of Nurses, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses, Vice-President, British College of Nurses; and to the four Official Delegates, Miss R. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, the College of Nursing, and Vice-Chairman, General Nursing Council; Miss S. Villiers, F.B.C.N., Vice-President, British College of Nurses, Member, General Nursing Council, President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Matron, Guy's Hospital, London; and Miss E. F. Brownsdon, F.B.C.N., Sister-in-Charge, Treatment Centre, L.C.C. School Nursing Service.

The guests included Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, who is presenting at the Congress a valuable paper on "Legislation as Related to Nursing"; Miss Alicia Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Member, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, who is presenting a paper on "Exchange Scholarships"; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron, University College Hospital; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Matron, Charing Cross Hospital; Miss H. L. Pearse, F.B.C.N., Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses; Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., Member, General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association; Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas's Hospital, Member, General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Members of the Montreal Sub-Committee and Miss G. Reynolds Hale, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Secretary, British College of Nurses.

The Dinner, at which all the guests were women of eminence in their profession, was a most interesting and very cheery occasion, and the chef and staff of the "Monico" were evidently out to do honour to the leading members of the Nursing Profession assembled together.

A charming *menu* card, inscribed "National Council of Nurses of Great Britain" in a wreath of roses, and artistic little fans provided by the management, were much admired, the former, autographed by the guests,

were taken away in memory of a happy and may be historic occasion—historic in so far as it was the first official National Council social gathering, and may well be the harbinger of others.

As the dinner was a quite informal occasion, there were no toasts. Mrs. Fenwick expressed her great pleasure in welcoming the distinguished guests, who she stated had met to wish the official delegates, speakers and others going to Montreal good fortune and success in their mission, realising that the honour of their National Council would be safe in their keeping.

Miss Lloyd-Still expressed in the kindest manner the regret of all present at the inability of Mrs. Fenwick to take part in the deliberations of the business sessions of the International Council and Congress, at which her knowledge of its affairs would be greatly missed.

In expressing thanks, Mrs. Fenwick said it gave her much happiness to know that so many leaders in the nursing world in Great Britain were attending the Congress at Montreal, where their expert knowledge and experience would add so greatly to its value and success.

The band, by request, played "The Maple Leaf for Ever," and "Oh! Canada," which were warmly applauded; and in grateful memory of the valiant French explorers, who, in past centuries suffered martyrdom in civilising Eastern Canada, which laid the foundation of its present greatness, "The Marseillaise," also by request, was welcomed with uprising honours.

After Montreal—Paris. (The French Nurses have sent an invitation to the International Council offering hospitality for its next meeting in 1933.) And so good-night—but not good-bye.

That would be said on the platform at Waterloo, on the 21st, when the *Ascania* express steamed away to Southampton with the official delegation on board.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES LEAVE LONDON FOR CANADA.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS."

We all appreciate a cheery send-off when departing for pastures new, so it was determined to "Say it with Flowers" when speeding our Delegates to Montreal, and this was how it was done.

Miss F. M. Bartleet, F.B.C.N., went to Covent Garden in the early hours of Thursday, and secured a whole box-full of lovely English roses—red, pink and yellow. Miss Bushby placed them in buckets in a dark and cool corner; and in the evening, thorns and stalks were clipped, the blooms made into bouquets by Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Bushby, and Miss Haswell, sprinkled, and again hidden. By eight in the morning, Miss Bushby again had the finishing touches in hand, and with the help of Miss E. E. Fowler tied on purple ribbon streamers and wired on the card from the President, "wishing good fortune and success."

Two more bouquets had been prepared, composed of pink carnations, cornflowers and graceful gypsophila, for presentation to Mrs. L. G. Bennie (President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association), and to Miss Cornelia Petersen (representing Miss Munck, President, Danish Council of Nurses), who were also travelling on the *Ascania*.

By 8.30 on the 21st, Miss Bushby, laden with baskets of bouquets, a veritable Flora, was safely at Waterloo Station.

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