L. J. Lemieux, the Agent-General for the Province of Quebec in Great Britain, and also one to the Dean of Quebec (the Very Rev. A. R. Crowfoot). From both she received the greatest courtesy. The Mayor was delighted that British Nurses should pay this honour to the Generals of imperishable fame, and gladly gave his consent for the placing of the wreath, and the Dean was most helpful and kind, personally superintending the selection of the beautiful wreath, tied with red, white and blue ribbons, the national colours of both Generals.

The memorable ceremony took place on Wednesday, July 3rd, when Miss Davy reverently placed the wreath of

the British College of Nurses in position at the base of the Monument, in the presence of the Rev. A. W. Reeves, Rector of St. Michael's Berquelle, and Mrs. Crowfoot, wife of the Dean of Quebec.

It bore the following inscription:

FROM THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LONDON, ENG-LAND, TO THE HONOURED MEMORY OF TWO HEROES, GENERAL WOLFE AND GEN-ERAL MONTCALM, WHO FELL IN ACTION AT QUEBEC, 1759.

Ethel G. Fenwick, President.

It was a great inspiration to erect this conjoint memorial to the two Generals—patriots both—who laid down their lives in the service of their Motherlands.

Who can view the present peaceful scene without recalling, with emotion, the details of the grim struggle which, just a hundred and seventy years ago, was enacted on those Plains. When Wolfe, mortally wounded, thought not of his many wounds, but, told by one of those who watched him that the enemy were giving way everywhere, said: "Thank God I die in peace," and when the equally gallant Montcalm made light of his wound, saying: "It is nothing, it is nothing, don't trouble about me, my good

friends," and then asked the King's surgeon who attended him, "How many hours have I to live?" When told that he could not survive the night, patriot to the end, he replied: "So much the better, I shall not see the English in Ouebec."

Wolfe's body was brought to England for honourable sepulture, and that of Montcalm buried by torchlight in the Ursuline Chapel at Quebec in a grave partly dug by the explosion of a British shell. Now the joint Memorial fitly comemmorates both, On one side of the base of the shaft, as will be noted in our illustration, is the inscription to Montcalm, on the other to Wolfe. Gallant soldiers

both, their lives were devoted to King and country, and they met with heroism a soldier's death in action,

But to return to the twentieth century. The act of homage of the British College of Nurses to the Great Dead gave unqualified pleasure to the citizens of Quebec. Press notices of the ceremony appeared in the local papers, and many visited the Monument and inspected the wreath and its inscription in the course of the next few days.

ARRIVAL AT MONTREAL.

The travellers by the Ascania arrived at Montreal early on the morning of Sunday, June 30th, but not too early to be met by Miss Strumm, the Assistant Matron, and

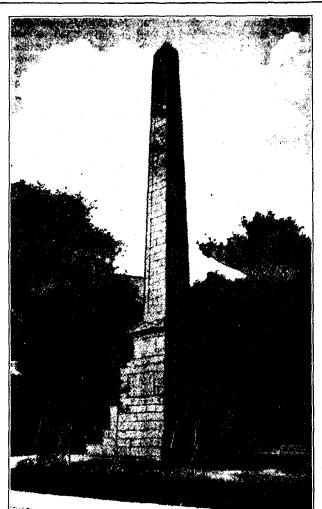
Miss Davies of the General Hospital in that city. Quickly our baggage was disentangled, and, owing to the good offices of Mr. Harper of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, who had devised good identification labels, and of the Cunard Line which obtained special facilities, its passage through the Customs was speedily accomplished. Then we were packed into cars, and deposited at the respective destinations arranged for us.

The Canadian Nurses' Association had arranged that the International Officers and Board of Directors should stay at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, where the meetings of the Board were to take place; these were some twenty-five in number, and in addition there were other distinguished Congress members. On arrival there each of us received a letter from Miss Mabel F. Hersey, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, welcoming us to Canada in its name, and placing accommodation in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel at our service and asking us to accept it with the compliments of the Associ-Miss Hersey also ation. notified us that Miss Frances Upton, Executive Secretary, would have her office at Headquarters, at the High

Headquarters, at the High School, 3449 University Street, and would be very glad, at any time, to give us information or help.

We spent the morning settling in, removing travel stains, and taking our bearings, and then after lunch went down to Headquarters at the High School, registered, obtained our Congress badges, and met Miss Upton and other kind friends who did so much to promote our comfort, convenience and happiness during the ensuing weeks.

Shortly after our return to the hotel, Miss Hersey, who is the Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Miss Mabel K. Holt, Joint Convener of the Committee on Entertainment, and Matron of the Montreal General Hospital, came to call on us, and Miss Hersey very kindly invited us to supper at the Themis Club, which is close



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