

great tract of land devoted to the growth of fruits, vegetables, trees, flowers, and the study of animal husbandry and dairy production, where every development in scientific agriculture in the Dominion originates, or is noted. We went, for the most part along the magnificent Driveway, through parks, and by the side of the lovely Ottawa river, for the city has 200 acres of parks and 25 miles of driveway. In no other way could we have received so complete an impression of Ottawa, its beauty and its principal points of interest, in so short a time. Then we were entertained to tea at the various Legations in the kindest and most hospitable way, Sir William Clarke, the British High Commissioner for Canada, and Lady Clarke, the Hon. William Phillips, Minister for the United States of America, M. Jean Knight, Minister for France, and Mr. Li Tchuen, Consul-General for China, receiving their respective compatriots.

Finally we were set down at the Château Laurier—a beautiful hotel owned by the Dominion Government, and built in the French Château style of architecture—to rest for a while before attending the Reception and Banquet given by the Ottawa District of the Ontario Nurses Association.

THE RECEPTION AND BANQUET.

At seven o'clock there was a reception by the Registered Nurses of Ottawa, and at seven-thirty p.m. the Banquet, a scene of great brilliance. Miss G. P. Garvin (Chairman, Ottawa District, of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario) presided at the high table, and the banquetting hall was filled with small tables at each of which Ottawa Nurses entertained their guests. The flowers decorating the tables were of indescribable loveliness—pink, mauve, rose and other colours most beautifully blended made a feast of colour.

A charming menu bore on its front cover in delicate colouring a drawing of the Parliament Buildings and the Peace Tower, together with the inscription "The Nurses of Ottawa bid you welcome." On the flyleaf were the words: "Banquet in honour of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses. Given by the Registered Nurses of Ottawa at the Château Laurier, July 3rd, 1929."

The menu contained further charming illustrations of the principal Ottawa Hospitals and Nurses' Homes, and beauty spots in the neighbourhood, and on the last page a view of the city with the words "The City of Ottawa joins us in our welcome to you and invites you to come again." Nor was that all, for placed inside the menu was a beautiful reproduction of the Nurses' Memorial in the Hall of Fame, truly mementoes of a wonderful function to be preserved for future generations.

Of the Dinner, it must suffice to say it was delicious, in the very best style for which this famous hotel is noted, and served with despatch, for trains, like time and tide, wait for no one.

After the loyal toast of the King, addresses of welcome were given by Miss Garvin in English, Miss Juliette Robert in French, and Miss Marjorie Robertson in German.

Miss Garvin, in her delightful address, bid us a very warm welcome from the Nurses of Ottawa as their dearly loved sisters in the Nursing Profession, and said "England has given us this organisation which has meant so much, and which has shown that the aims of the nurses of the world are identical."

She referred to the losses sustained by the International Council of Nurses since the last meeting by the death of Baroness Mannerheim, and their own beloved Madeline Shaw, and expressed the hope that the Nurses of all the nations now visiting Canada would have an irresistible impulse to return again.

Miss Nina D. Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses, in returning thanks to Miss Garvin and the Nurses of Ottawa for their wonderful and delightful

hospitality, and for the beautiful souvenirs which their guests would carry away with them, said that we should hope to come back very often. She wished our train for Montreal was not waiting so inexorably. Then reluctantly a move was made, last good-byes said, many hands shaken as we passed out on our way to the station. A comfortable three-and-a-half hours' journey, this time as the guests of the Canadian Northern Railways, brought us, tired but happy, to our various destinations before 1 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th, to register, before quickly falling asleep, a golden day in our book of happy memories.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Opening Meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Green Room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Tuesday, July 2nd, the President, Miss Nina D. Gage, being in the chair. There were also present Miss Clara D. Noyes, First Vice-President; Miss Jean Gunn, Second Vice-President; Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer; and Miss C. Reimann, Secretary.

The National Representatives included Miss Margaret Breay, proxy for Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain; Miss S. Lillian Clayton (U.S.A.), Miss Mabel Hersey (Canada), Miss Cornelia Petersen proxy for Miss Munck, President Danish Council of Nurses, Miss Emma Astrom (Finland), Miss W. G. Serton (Holland), Miss C. F. Slater (proxy for the President, Trained Nurses' Association of India), Miss Jessie Bicknell (New Zealand), Miss Jeanne Hellemans (Belgium), Miss Lillian Wu (China), Sister Bergliot Larsson (Norway), Mrs. L. Bennie (South Africa), Senorita Guevara (Cuba), Mlle. Chaptal (France), and Miss Nellie Healy representing Miss Alice Reeves, President National Association of Trained Nurses of the Irish Free State.

The President expressed her pleasure at opening the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the present Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and reminded those present that the last had been held in Geneva in 1927, of which the Minutes were then read and confirmed.

Letter from the Founder.

She then presented a letter from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the Council, expressing her disappointment at being unable to attend the meeting of the I.C.N. and to take part in the deliberations of the Board of Directors and Grand Council.

It was proposed by Mrs. Bennie (South Africa), seconded by Miss Lillian Clayton (U.S.A.) that a cable should be sent to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick expressing the deep regret of the Board of Directors that she was unable to be with them, and this was unanimously agreed.

Miss Mabel Hersey, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presented its report, from which we learnt that the Federal Government had contributed 5,000 dollars to the expenses of the Congress, and the Municipality had also made a substantial contribution, in all 9,000 dollars had been received. Mlle. Chaptal (France) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Committee on Arrangements for the very comfortable quarters provided for the Board of Directors, and this was carried by acclamation and the Report accepted.

Miss Jean I. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Programme, presented its Report, which was accepted.

The principal business transacted by the Board of Directors was to receive the Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committees, and to prepare the business for the Grand Council.

Correspondence.

The correspondence included:—

1. A letter from Signor Turati, Secretary of the Partito Nazionale Fasciste, expressing regret that the Association

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