

THE RECEPTION OF NEW COUNTRIES.

The splendid Meeting of the Congress on the evening of July 8th was the official welcome of the Government, and the City of Montreal, to the Congress. That of the following evening was of a more intimate character, the special feature being the admission of the National Councils of Nurses of Brazil, Greece, Jugo-Slavia, the Philippines and Sweden, to membership of the International Council of Nurses.

From the inception of the Council it has been its tradition to welcome new members with fine ceremonial, and it seemed as if the great demonstration of July 9th was designed by our Canadian hostesses to convey to the Nurses Associations to be received into the International Council of Nurses the sisterly affection of those already in membership by means of lovely flowers, beautiful music, brilliant colour, by everything indeed which could help to assure

The Watchword "Service" for the next quinquennial period, given by Mrs. Fenwick and published in our July issue, was read by Miss Breay, after which the new countries were admitted. In each case beautiful flowers were presented to the representatives of the Nurses Associations of the incoming countries and the National Anthems of each were played, the audience uprising. At the same time the national flag of the country was placed in a stand on the platform, the group of five flags making a fine patch of colour. Brazil, represented by Miss D. E. Fraenkel was received by Miss Lillian Wu (China); Greece, represented by Miss Messalora, by Miss Bicknell (New Zealand); Jugo-Slavia, represented by Miss Bovolini, by Mrs. Bennie (South Africa); The Philippines, represented by Miss Manongdo, by Miss Clayton (U.S.A.); and Sweden, represented by Miss Elizabeth Lind, by Sister Berjliot Larsson (Norway).

The tenor of all the greetings was that of Miss Wu to Brazil: "Welcome, I bid you a hearty welcome." And



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Miss N. Bovolini,
Jugo Slavia.Miss A. J. Messalora,
Greece.Miss Manongdo.
The Philippines.Miss D. E. Fraenkel,
Brazil.Miss E. Lind,
Sweden.

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them of the joy of the older members at this accession of strength to their ranks.

This was the Session at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had been invited to preside. In her absence Professor A. W. Goodrich, D.Sc., Dean of the School of Nursing at Yale University, and an Hon. President of the I.C.N. took the chair, carrying on to the platform a sheaf of beautiful roses presented by the hostess Council, who also presented lovely flowers to Miss Gage, Miss Breay and Mrs. Strong.

The Watchword.

The President read a message of greeting from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the meeting applauded the suggestion that the thanks and appreciation of the Congress should be sent to its Founder. A letter of greeting was also received from Miss M. A. Snively, the Founder and much loved Hon. President of the Canadian Nurses Association.

Greetings were also read from Nurses' Associations and eminent Nurses in many countries.

Miss Larsson (Norway), greeting Miss Elizabeth Lind (Sweden) with a kiss, added: "As a near neighbour and friend I have been longing for this for years."

All the representatives of the newly affiliated associations expressed their high appreciation of the honour thus conferred and their endeavour to be worthy of it.

Miss Breay, as a Foundation Member of the International Council of Nurses, then presented Greetings, and after the singing of "Auld lang syne," Mrs. Strong charmed the meeting with her affectionate wisdom.

A characteristic message was received from Miss Dock sending Greetings to the Congress and expressing her hope for the day when there would be no more war, and complete equality between the sexes.

A paper by Professor M. Adelaide Nutting on "The Future" read by Miss E. Burgess, of Teachers' College, New York, brought to a close an evening so perfect that it seems as though it must have touched high-water mark.

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