

must also be noted: "Niagara to the Sea" caused a great thrill to the many who were shortly to see Niagara, and made us long to follow in the steps of "The Explorers to the Sea." The picture on "Quebec Byways" was of very great interest to the many of us who had no time to visit the city, and was welcomed as a dear friend by those who had had that joy.

To turn to the definitely "professional" films:—These were extraordinarily well shown, and in good proportion—the film illustrating the effects of sunlight in connection with the prevention and cure of rickets was particularly clear and good, and the film "New Ways for Old," with its pictures of the diphtheritic patient of earlier days, and the care of the patient—and contacts—to-day, gave a convincing manifestation of the success of present day treatment.

In conclusion, mention must be made of the entirely good and well-chosen films shown by the National Tuberculosis Association, New York, and a film called "Well born," presenting very convincingly the needs and good results of "pre-natal care."

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The social functions during the Congress week and that which preceded it were brilliant and delightful. We have already given an account of the never-to-be-forgotten day at Ottawa when the members of the Grand Council were entertained by the Ottawa District of the Ontario Nurses' Association. There followed, daily, invitations to luncheon parties, to tea parties, to dinner—at hospitals and elsewhere—where we had the delight of meeting in social intercourse our hostess colleagues and other distinguished Canadians. So numerous were the invitations and so lavish the hospitality that it is impossible to give even a brief account of each function.

Luncheon at the Royal Victoria Maternity Hospital.

On Thursday, July 4th, luncheon was served at the Royal Victoria, Montreal, Maternity Hospital, which is in a superb position on the side of the mountain, the hostess being Lady Holt, Chairman of the Ladies' Committee of that Hospital, who welcomed the guests very charmingly, as did Miss Hersey, Matron of the hospital—and also presided at the luncheon.

After lunch most of those present availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the hospital. We peeped into the theatre and sterilising room with its most modern equipment, the labour room, and, most interesting of all, the babies' ward.

No visitors are allowed inside, but they can look through the glass partition on to rows of tiny cradles raised at a convenient height from the floor and placed in what appears to be an iron framework, each cradle equally spaced and lined with a calico lining, but no glimpse of the precious burdens within is obtainable. The nurse-in-charge puts on a face mask as soon as she enters the ward. Each infant has its own little tray containing all it needs for its toilet, including a bottle of olive oil, as it is not bathed with soap and water, but oiled every day.

Each baby has a band round its wrist on which is its name, and the mothers are only allowed to have their infants for feeding.

Every patient is given an anæsthetic for her delivery, the poorer ones chloroform, and the well-to-do gas and oxygen.

"At Home" at the Montreal General.

On the evening of the same day a delightful "At Home" to meet the President and Delegates of the International

Council of Nurses was given in the Nurses' Residence of the Montreal General Hospital by the Alumnae Association.

The guests were welcomed by the Matron, Miss Mabel K. Holt, and members of the Association, and dainty refreshments were served throughout the evening. The Residence, where Miss Villiers, Miss Brownsdon (official delegates), and other Congress members were guests throughout the Congress, is the last word in such institutions. Conspicuous in the Central Hall are fine portraits of Miss Livingston, for so many years Matron of the hospital, and of her successor, Miss Young, who only held the post for a brief period before her early death.

Most interesting to the guests was the first floor, which is entirely given up to the Training School for Student Nurses, each of whom spends the first four months of her training in the Preliminary School.

After the cramped accommodation which is all that some of our English hospitals can afford to give for teaching purposes, the fine suite of rooms at the Montreal General was a perfect revelation.

Demonstration Rooms, Class Rooms, Chemical Laboratory and a delightful kitchen, where the students are taught dietetics, were all on view.

On each floor is a small kitchen, with electric stove, toaster, iron and skirt-board. There is also a tea-pot and a supply of tea, butter, eggs and sugar and milk for the use of nurses on late leave.

The last meal in Canadian Hospitals is taken about 6.30 p.m., to enable the maids to go off duty in good time, so that the provision of light refreshment for those nurses on late leave is a great addition to their comfort.

The arrangements of the Home were much admired, indeed the guests took leave of their kind hostesses with much reluctance as there was so much of interest to see that they would willingly have lingered.

Dinner at the Cercle Universitaire.

On Friday, July 5th, the Grand Council of the I.C.N. were entertained at the Cercle Universitaire at a delightful dinner, by Mlle. Charlotte Tassé, directrice of *La Garde Malade Canadienne Française*, the official organ of the French Canadian Nurses, and the Executive Committee. It was a most charming function, and the menu, which had for a frontispiece a picture of Ph. Hébert's statue of Jeanne Mance, was greatly appreciated. The toasts of the evening were "Le Roi," "La Patrie," "Les Déléguées."

The guests were welcomed in speeches by Monseigneur Piette, Rector of Montreal University, Mlle. Charlotte Tassé, Superintendent of the Sanatorium Prévost, and Dr. Harwood, doyen of the Faculty of Medicine; and Miss Nina D. Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses and Mlle. L. Chaptal, President-Elect, responded. There was a charming episode when a number of French Canadian nurses, representative of the nursing staffs of various hospitals, lined up, and each presented a sheaf of lovely flowers to Miss Gage, who received them with manifest delight.

Garden Party at Senneville.

On Saturday, July 6th, the members of the Grand Council were entertained by Dr. C. Martin, Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, and Mrs. Martin, at their charming residence at Senneville, after a lovely drive along the banks of the St. Lawrence. Dr. Martin was a delightful host, and after a delicious tea had been duly appreciated, took his guests to the residence near by of his son-in-law, Mr. William Angus, whose beautiful grounds sloping down to the river were greatly admired and enjoyed. Congresses are delightful, but after the heat of the Congress Hall to drive to the country, and wander about cool and shady gardens, is delightful also.

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