

of Miss Mary S. Gardner, A.M., who has a wonderful personality, and encouraged every one to express herself and to explain her difficulties. It was a very wonderful time, and is a very happy memory, for which I am indebted to the Council of our College, whose generous grant made this experience possible, and to whom I desire to express my grateful thanks."

Letter from Miss Mary Davy.

Miss I. M. G. Davy, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., wrote to the President:—"Before relating any of my experiences may I just offer my most grateful thanks to you and the Council of the British College of Nurses for enabling me to have the privilege and pleasure of attending the Congress.

"Nothing could have been more comfortable than our voyage in the *Ascania*; we had absolute comfort in every respect. Although in point of numbers our Profession was not largely represented on board, the fact that these few came from so many different countries gave much opportunity of experiencing the true spirit of Internationalism which was so predominant a feature throughout the memorable week in Montreal. I have been singularly fortunate in my personal experiences as a guest throughout my whole tour, for I have stayed both in institutions, and in a private house. The cordial greeting one received solely because a visitor from the 'old country' was really quite beautiful: the spirit of Empire of which one hears so much is not a bit exaggerated.

"Of the Congress itself one cannot write much in a brief letter. For myself I feel sure that in spite of listening to many interesting papers read at the General Sessions I have learnt far more of the difficulties and problems of other countries, and the way in which they are attempting to solve such problems, by listening to the very lively Round Table discussions, and also by personal contact with many of the speakers."

Letter from Miss Agnes Henderson.

Miss Agnes Henderson, R.G.N., F.B.C.N., wrote:—"I simply had to tear myself away without seeing many of the places I had hoped to see. Probably I did too much visiting of institutions, for I went to no less than eighteen in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

"I spent the week-end after the Congress with a friend, fifteen miles from Montreal, to have a rest, for I was tired out. I returned to my kind hostess, Mrs. Dorian, on the Monday, and she took me to three hospitals which I wanted to see. Tuesday I spent at the Public Health Offices, and on visits to a Clinic and a Maternity Home. I left for Ottawa on the Wednesday. There I saw a Day Nursery, a Welfare Clinic, the Civic Hospital, the Peace Tower and some of the Public Health Department Offices, with details of work very freely given and explained by the nurse. A nurse took me canoeing on the Rideau Canal, much to the alarm, I discovered afterwards, of my good landlady. However I had no fear, and I enjoyed every minute of it. I am quite satisfied that I saw a good deal of Ottawa for the short time I was there. Then I went on to Toronto, and spent the whole forenoon of Saturday at the offices of the Public Health Department.

"I have had a most wonderful trip, and I thank

the Council of the British College of Nurses again and again for giving me the grant. It has opened up new vistas for me. I have gleaned many new ideas for my work, or, in the language of our Watchword, for 'Service.'"

The Standing Committees.

The following members of the Council have been elected Chairmen of the Standing Committees:—

Education and Examination Committee.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

Legal Protection, Political and Economic Committee.—Miss M. Breay, First Vice-President.

Social Schemes Committee.—Miss I. Macdonald.

Public Health Committee.—Miss S. A. Villiers, Second Vice-President.

History of Nursing Committee.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

The Acorn Ribbon.

The President proposed that an "Acorn Ribbon" should be instituted—to be awarded to Fellows and Members who instructed Nurses in the duty of self-government and the benefits of the College—and encouraged them to join, thus planting an acorn, to become in time a sturdy professional tree; the Ribbon to be of the College colour stamped with a silver acorn. This recommendation was approved.

Nomination of National Council Hon. Officers.

Nominations were made to fill vacancies in the ranks of Hon. Officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

List of Gifts.

The following gifts to the College were reported and gratitude expressed:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: An antique lace box to History of Nursing Section to hold gift of lace made by President in 1875, donated by Mrs. Myers, and future gifts.

"George Eliot," by Mathilde Blind.

"The Two Foundations of St. Bartholomew's Hospital," by W. Marrant Baker, F.R.C.S., to the Isla Stewart Bookcase.

Miss I. Macdonald: "St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland," by Lucy Menzies, to the Isla Stewart Bookcase, also Flowers.

Miss A. M. Bright: £1 1s. for Nightingale Letter.

Miss I. Stainton: Raffia hat, made by herself, sold for Nightingale Letter.

Miss Beatrice Treasure: Flowers and Plants.

Miss Le Beau: Flowers.

Miss Mary Carruthers: Flowers.

Miss F. A. Wood: 7s. for Flowers.

Miss G. Hale: Flowers.

A warm vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Treasure for her kindness in decorating most tastefully, with lovely flowers and ferns, the Halls and Council Chamber, for the meeting of the Council.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, October 19th, at 2 p.m. The meeting then terminated.

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