

that little more than a brief half century ago THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING (then *The Nursing Record*) was the only Nurses' Journal owned, edited and controlled by members of the profession, and now there were over a score.

Miss Breay said she was in the proud position of speaking for the oldest nursing journal in the world, edited by a trained nurse, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, of which THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING was the official organ. With her usual penetrating vision Mrs. Fenwick had early seen the importance to nurses of a voice in the Press under the control of members of their profession, and had secured the JOURNAL and placed her literary talent at the disposal of her profession for 36 years, as its Hon. Editor.

Miss Reimann, editor of the *I.C.N.*, the official organ of the International Council of Nurses, said that there were now fifteen national nursing magazines.

Miss Bergliot Larrson said it was a nice thought to give the nursing magazines a place at this dinner. One could learn much from nursing journals.

Another paper represented was the *La Garde Malade Canadienne-Francaise*—of which the editor is Miss Charlotte Tassé—which gave such a delightful dinner at the University Club, and brought out such a splendid souvenir number for the Congress.

Other Presidents of National Associations, and editors of national nursing journals spoke, and it was most inspiring as one after another related the story of their foundation and subsequent history to realise that all were animated by a common purpose and had the same aspirations. It is one of the great pleasures of an International Congress of Nurses to find how closely allied in thought and feeling are the nurses of the world.

In the middle of the proceedings Miss Gunn "borrowed" Mrs. Strong and Miss Breay to be introduced to, and speak a few words with those present at a dinner in an adjoining room of graduates of the General Hospital, Toronto. Youth and age—young and ardent present-day nurses, and the veteran leader—made a delightful picture, and, as usual, Mrs. Strong charmed them all with her personality and reminiscences.

On Saturday was the delightful luncheon given by Mlle.



THE GARDEN PARTY ON THE CAMPUS OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Mlle. Chaptal said that when first the French nurses wanted to start a journal doctors wished to edit it. At first she was submissive and obedient, but later she did not like the arrangement at all. Now she herself was editor of their journal, *L'Infirmière Francaise*.

Miss Slater said that the *Nursing Journal of India* not only paid its own expenses, but made a profit which was very useful indeed.

Miss Wu, speaking for China, said that its nurses had started with a page in a medical journal, now they had their *Quarterly Journal for Chinese Nurses*.

Miss Monongdo said that the nurses of the Philippine Islands founded their National Association in 1923, in 1926 they decided they must have a National Organ and the result was that *The Filipino Nurse* was founded.

The Bulgarian nurses have, we were told, their own paper which is almost self-supporting. The members of the Association give the office such time as they can afford, and some of them help by writing articles for the journal.

Miss Roberts described the founding of *The American Journal of Nursing* as an epic, and said that the picture of its first editor, Miss Sophia Palmer, hung in her office, and was often an inspiration.

Chaptal, President-Elect of the International Council of Nurses, and, lastly, the monster garden party on the Campus of McGill University, when the official hostesses were Miss Nina D. Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses, and Miss M. F. Hersey, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association. It was a brilliant afternoon, and the surroundings of green lawns, beautiful flowers, gay tents, and little tables surrounded by groups of friends, most becomingly gowned, made a picture to be remembered.

Over four thousand nurses of some forty nationalities meeting in friendly converse, and later returning to their own countries carrying surely with them the message of Peace that "all mankind are brothers."

Two world-wide Associations, both having a beneficent influence on the movement for the Peace of the World, crossed one another's paths in Canada in July, the International Council of Nurses with 140,000 members of 38 nationalities, and the Boy Scouts, who were travelling to England for their great Jamboree.

It is worthy of note that throughout the Great War the strands binding the nurses of the world together in the I.C.N. held firm, and 1918 found them ready and eager to resume international relationships, not one of the constituent Associations having withdrawn.

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