

over the telephone, asking me to go and have a talk with her. I pleaded business, but something in her tone when we "put it off to another day" led me to go to her office at once. Gently she told me that she had something to say which "will make you very sad." Then for the first time did anyone, except her medical attendant, hear of the months, nay years, of endurance while she had suffered from a terrible disease. My first question was, "Why, why didn't you have an operation?" In her simple way she told me that when this was offered, matters were at a crisis in the General Nursing Council and her vote would have been lost. She waited to help us fight some battle for the rights of the nurses, and when it was over, the doctors decided that it was too late for an operation to offer very much promise of recovery.

But with all her suffering and her sacrifice, Maude MacCallum was always bright, always hopeful; speaking of nursing organisation she constantly remarked, "there is suffering and sacrifice laid in the work of organisation, and therefore it will progress."

I have great pleasure, Madam President, on behalf of the Council, in presenting this Book of Remembrance to the British College of Nurses.

The President said that the Nursing Profession could not afford to forget its martyrs. No doubt there had been many in the cause of Nursing, but very few in the cause of Nursing Organization. Maude MacCallum's work was all the more valuable for that reason.

It was a great joy to her in her last days to be told of the foundation of the British College of Nurses. She insisted on immediately applying for admission as a Fellow, and said that she would die happy now that there was an organization entirely governed by the Registered Nurses themselves.

The President then accepted the Book of Remembrance on behalf of the College, in which will be inscribed the names of all Fellows and Members who enter into rest.

Reports of the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal.

The next business was to receive Reports of the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal.

Miss Breay's Report.

Miss M. Breay, who acted as proxy for the President at the Business Meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council of the I.C.N. which preceded the Congress Week, and throughout the Congress, referred briefly, for the information of those unacquainted with the early history of the International Council, to its foundation in 1899 by the President, to the increased usefulness, happiness, and enlargement of vision which have resulted to nurses all over the world and to the impetus given through it to the peace of the world. If "all men are brothers"—and the Boy Scouts and their great Chief were a living testimony to this—the Nursing Profession, through the International Council of Nurses, had discovered that "all nurses are sisters." That was the message which some 7,000 nurses of forty nations had carried back to their home countries, a not inconsiderable contribution to the promotion of world peace.

Miss Breay said it was impossible to acknowledge too warmly the hospitality of the hostess Council, the Canadian Nurses' Association, and spoke of the international hospitality extended by the British College of Nurses through the luncheon given by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the Board of Directors and distinguished Canadians, by entertaining Canadian Fellows and Members at the official Banquet, and to all those attending the Congress at a breakfast party on the last day.

Report by Miss I. M. G. Davy, F.B.C.N.

Miss I. M. G. Davy, who was unable to be present, sent very interesting reports on—(a) "A Week in Quebec," where she was the guest of Miss Armour, the Superintendent of the Jeffery Hales Hospital. (A description of her fulfilment of the mission entrusted to her by the President and Council of the British College of Nurses to render homage to the two great Generals, Wolfe and Montcalm, by placing a wreath of laurels at the foot of their united monument, has already been published in this Journal.)

(b) Impressions of the Congress. In this connection Miss Davy wrote: "Intensely interesting as every meeting during the Sessions proved to be, for my own part I have gained still more of social and educational value from personal contact with many individuals from other countries. . . . It is satisfactory and refreshing to feel that whatever our work may be, all is included in 'Service,' and we shall all follow with great interest the progress of our Founder's Watchword during the next quadrennial period."

(c) "An Unexpected Stay in New York" was the subject of Miss Davy's third contribution.

Report by Miss Agnes Henderson, F.B.C.N.

Miss Henderson wrote in part:

This trip to Canada and the attendance at the wonderful Congress is easily the biggest thing that has ever happened in my life. To say that I enjoyed every moment of it is to put it mildly. When I think of the wonderful meetings in the Forum, with the huge crowd of eager, expectant faces directed towards the platform party—"that band of noble women representing the best brains of the Nursing World"—I thrill even yet. Even the decoration of the great Hall itself was inspiring, with the flags of the represented nations, and on the platform such wealth of beautiful plants commingling with the colours of the beautiful dresses of the platform party.

I do not know how other nurses felt about the platform party, but I can tell you I was proud of them. I felt that they were upholding the honour of the Nursing Profession by appearing so daintily and artistically garbed. Being Scotch, I felt that those kilties of the band were exactly the correct men in the correct dress for such a magnificent occasion, while the little girl guides in their smart uniform added the appropriate finishing touch to the ensemble.

Although many of the meetings of the Sessions themselves were such as to inspire one and to send one home with the refining influence of a feeling of one's own unworthiness, yet I agree with the sentiment expressed in a recent article in our JOURNAL that many of the speeches were too long, and at many of the Round Tables which could have given opportunities for the expression of opinions of many of the rank and file, there were far too many platform speakers. The giving of the Watchword lost nothing by the deputy chosen by our President to present it. And it was a wonderful speech, especially the end part, where we were enjoined to copy Solomon's virtuous woman in acts of kindness.

But if some of the speeches were long, they were made up for by their high intellectual quality. No one, moreover, required to feel that the special branch of work she was interested in was left out, for there was food for all.

What wonderful hostesses the Canadians were, not only at their social functions but in visiting their Institutions one was struck with the keenness and willingness of everyone to figuratively lay all their cards on the table when they came to be questioned about their work and conditions of service.

A memorable meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the chair.

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