

ten supported it warmly. The adoption of the Resolution was duly proposed and seconded, and on a vote being taken by a show of hands it was carried—four voting against.

CLOSING SESSION.

Miss Gage presided at the Closing Session of the Congress in the Forum, on the evening of Saturday, July 13th, when the chief feature was the address of the Hon. Dr. R. J. Mannion, M.P., on "The Interdependence of Nations."

Miss Gage then presented Mlle. Chaptal, of France, the President for the next Quadrennial period, and the other International Officers to the meeting, and the Board of Directors asked Miss Gage's acceptance of a sheaf of lovely flowers.

Miss Lloyd-Still presented Resolutions of Thanks.

Miss Messalora (Athens) also presented to Miss Reimann, for International Headquarters an ancient Greek lamp.

Then came Addresses of Farewell from Mrs. Bennie (South Africa), Miss Guevara (Cuba), Miss C. F. Slater (India), Miss McKenny (Australasia), and Miss Astrom (Finland); and then Miss Gage formally dissolved the Congress to translate into action its lessons, and with gratitude in our hearts to our Canadian colleagues who had carried out the arrangements of this great Congress so magnificently and with whom we had formed so many friendships, we said reluctant farewells.

A picture of the Committee of Arrangements to whom the success of the Congress was due appears on page 329.

AN APPRECIATION.

The framed photograph of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses, which appeared on the Stand of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in the Exhibition during the Montreal Congress, was subsequently presented by her to the American Nurses' Association, of which she is an Hon. Member. The Canadian Nurses' Association already possess, by request, a similar photograph.

We publish below Miss Clayton's kind acknowledgement.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

On behalf of the American Nurses' Association, I wish to express our deep appreciation of the gift of your picture which you sent us for our national Headquarters.

We have felt, always, the close relationship that exists between the American Nurses' Association and the Founder of international nursing, dating back as this friendship does to the memorable journey you took to Chicago, before nursing in the United States yet had been organised, and when the International Council of Nurses still was to be developed.

But your picture on our walls will remind us of more than your close association in our nursing history and growth. It will serve to impress on us constantly the fact that though our Headquarters is the centre of organised nursing in the United States, it is only part of that greater organisation to which we all owe our allegiance, the International Council of Nurses.

With very real appreciation of your thoughtful gift, believe me, I am,

Cordially yours,

S. LILIAN CLAYTON R.N.
President.

American Nurses' Association
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New York, N.Y.

NIGHTINGALE LETTERS.

It will be remembered that ten letters written and signed by Miss Florence Nightingale, were taken by Miss Breay to Montreal, and offered for sale amongst the nurses of the world. One went to Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Rhode Island; and the other nine were secured through the keen interest of Miss Isabel M. Stewart, for Nursing Schools in the United States.

We thank Miss Stewart for kindly sending us photostat copies, which will be carefully conserved in the History of Nursing Section of the British College of Nurses.

Miss Stewart writes:—

Teachers' College,

Columbia University

New York

November 26th, 1929.

MY DEAR MISS BREAY,—I have been intending to write you for some time to tell you that the Nightingale letters have been sold and are all in the possession of Nursing Schools or individual nurses. I thought you would be interested in knowing where they are now.

The list is as follows:—

Yale University, School of Nursing, New Haven ..	1
Children's Hospital, Boston	2
Minnesota University, School of Nursing, Minneapolis	1
New York City Hospital, School of Nursing, New York City	1
Metropolitan Hospital, School of Nursing, New York City	1
Ward's Island, School of Nursing, New York City ..	1
Washington University, School of Nursing, St. Louis	1
Providence Hospital, School of Nursing, Providence, R.I.	1
Miss Minnie Goodnow, Newport	1

They are all so proud of their letters and I could have sold more with very little trouble. I think the possession of such a memento really has an influence on the students in a nursing school.

I took the liberty of having the letters photographed before I let them go and we have kept a photostat copy of each for the Adelaide Nutting Historical Collection. I have an extra set of these which I am sending you for your own use or for any collection of Nightingale materials which you may wish to give them to. The only one lacking is the one you sold to Miss White, of the Providence Hospital. I am asking her to send you on a photostat copy of this one so you will have the set complete.

I am sending you also a personal copy of the catalogue of the Adelaide Nutting Historical Collection which we have published recently in connection with our Thirtieth Anniversary. I know you will be interested in it for its association with Miss Nutting as well as for what it represents professionally.

I am expecting to be leaving in a month or so for a sabbatical half year which I am planning to spend largely in India, Siam, Java, The Philippines, China, and Japan. The object is not entirely professional, but I shall try to get in touch with some of the professional developments in those countries. If you know of any places or people of especial interest in connection with nursing, I should be glad to have a word from you about them.

With many good wishes and thanks for your help in connection with the letters, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

ISABEL M. STEWART,
Professor of Nursing Education.

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