

are an ineffaceable memory. He opened the Conference, and throughout the week, ably supported by his Chef de Service, kept in close touch with its proceedings.

The participants in the Conference were most notable. The large contingent from Great Britain was led by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, with Miss Isla Stewart, genial and full of *joie de vivre*. From the United States Mrs. Hampton Robb, a striking example of beautiful, happy womanhood, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, earnest and forceful; Miss A. W. Goodrich, witty and charming; dear Miss Dock and many another. Paris gave us Mlle. Chaptal, a large contingent of nurses from the hospitals of the *Assistance Publique*, with Mlle. Jaques, Matron of the new Nursing School at the Salpêtrière Hospital, and Mme. Alphen Salvador, most gracious and generous of hostesses; and from Bordeaux came Dr. Anna Hamilton with a contingent of nurses from the Florence Nightingale School in that city, and Dr. Lande the distinguished physician who had so nobly supported nursing

hospitals throughout the Service, M. Mesureur in felicitous terms, welcomed the members of the Conference, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, on its behalf, expressed deep gratitude for the unforgettable kindness with which it had been received not only at this historic hospital but throughout the week. The Banquet at the Hotel Continental at the close of the Conference was the first of those wonderful occasions which have been such an inspiring feature of our International Congresses, cementing friendships which have proved enduring and fruitful, adding to the joy of life.

Visits to Chantilly, to Versailles, and other historic and lovely spots added further to the wonder and pleasure of the members of the Conference and an abiding and treasured memory.

LONDON, 1909.

In 1909 the International Council of Nurses met in London, under the Presidency of its Hon. President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and for the first time the Grand Council was represented by official delegates, notable amongst whom

was Miss Anna Maxwell, and Miss Jane Delano, from the United States. Graven on our hearts is the memory of its opening Session in the Great Hall of the Church House, Westminster, when the Watchword "Life" was given by the Hon. President, and the Delegates, and contingents of nurses from many countries, as well as Great Britain, were welcomed by Miss I. Stewart. Amongst those on the platform were Miss Anna Goodrich, President of the American Nurses' Associ-



SPYNE HOUSE, MORAYSHIRE, SCOTLAND.

Birthplace of Ethel Gordon Manson (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick), 26th January, 1857.

reform in France. Notable from Germany was Sister Agnes Karll, for "character makes happenings wherever it goes," well supported by compatriots. Notable also was the Paris Conference inasmuch as Baroness Mannerheim, then unknown in the International world, came upon the platform and discovered herself to the audience whom she thrilled by relating with simplicity and charm, the existence in Finland of a well organised Association of Nurses, and its remarkable record of work.

On the Social side the Conference was no less memorable. A Reception at the beautiful Hotel de Ville, when the officers of the Council were invited to inscribe their names in the Golden Book reserved for the signatures of notable visitors gave official and municipal recognition to its importance. Of particular interest was the Reception at the official opening by the Director General of the *Assistance Publique* of the new Nursing School at the Salpêtrière Hospital, where in the great Hall crowded to its utmost capacity, surrounded by the distinguished heads of the

ation, who, in its name asked the acceptance of its Hon. Membership by Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Stewart, and Mrs. Garrett Fawcett, who spoke, and moved a Resolution on Women's Suffrage. There too was Sister Agnes Karll who bore an invitation from the German Nurses' Association and the authorities of Cologne for the Council to hold its meeting in 1912 in that city, an invitation which was unanimously accepted, Sister Karll being elected President of the Council for the ensuing period. Fraternal Delegates on the platform also were Dr. Depage, and Miss Edith Cavell from Belgium.

The principal Guests of Honour on the platform that day, however, were the Presidents of the four National Councils of Nurses to be received into the International Council, Miss M. A. Snively (Canada), Mrs. Henny Tscherning (Denmark), Baroness Mannerheim (Finland), and Miss Tilanus (Holland). With welcoming speeches, presentation of lovely flowers, and exquisite music, the National Anthem of each country resounding through the Hall as its repre-

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