

sentative was received, a tradition of ceremonial was established which has since made the meeting at which new Councils are received the most beautiful of all the Sessions at our International gatherings.

At the Session, on the following morning, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick announced to the great gratification of the Congress a letter from the Lord Chamberlain conveying the intelligence that King Edward, then at Biarritz, had written giving special instructions that the private apartments, and other parts of the Castle not usually shown to visitors, were to be open when the members of the Congress visited Windsor later in the week.

Many valuable papers were presented, and equally valuable discussions took place during the Congress. The most epoch-making was, unquestionably, that by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, on "Morality in Relation to Health." The speaker held her audience spell-bound, and when she concluded there was silence for a notable space, and then the storm of applause broke out, as her hearers expressed their appreciation of the delicacy and the courage with which she had dealt with a difficult subject. Let it be recorded to the credit of the Nursing Profession, that this was the first occasion on which a public appeal had been made in this country for instruction on the dangers of the venereal diseases. Now such instruction is quite common, but then, although nurses came quite frequently in contact with them, and were subjected to grave danger of infection through ignorance of their nature, the idea of providing any teaching on the subject was considered unnecessary and, indeed, most undesirable, by those responsible for their instruction.

Papers following on different aspects of the same subject by Miss Lavinia Dock and Miss Mary Burr were also most valuable.

Addresses by Lord (then Mr.) Haldane (Secretary of State for War), and Lady Novar (Lady Helen Munro Ferguson), also received special attention.

What can be said of the many social occasions, so full of pleasure and profit? The briefest notice of a few only is possible. The civic welcome at the Mansion House by the then Lord Mayor and Lady Truscott; the Reception at beautiful Dorchester House, alas! now superseded by a monster hotel, by Mr. Whitelaw Reid (the then American Ambassador) and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. The afternoon spent at Windsor, when, by special permission of King Edward, the Canadian Delegation laid a magnificent wreath on the Tomb of Queen Victoria in the Mausoleum at Frogmore.

COLOGNE, 1912.

The Congress at Cologne in 1912 exceeded the eager anticipations of those who had formed a high estimate of the organising powers of the President of the International Council of Nurses—Sister Agnes Karll. Its outstanding features were many. First must be mentioned the wonderful cordiality and helpfulness of the ladies of Cologne. They organised and took charge of the Bureau where the participants in the Congress paid their Registration fees and it worked like clock-work.

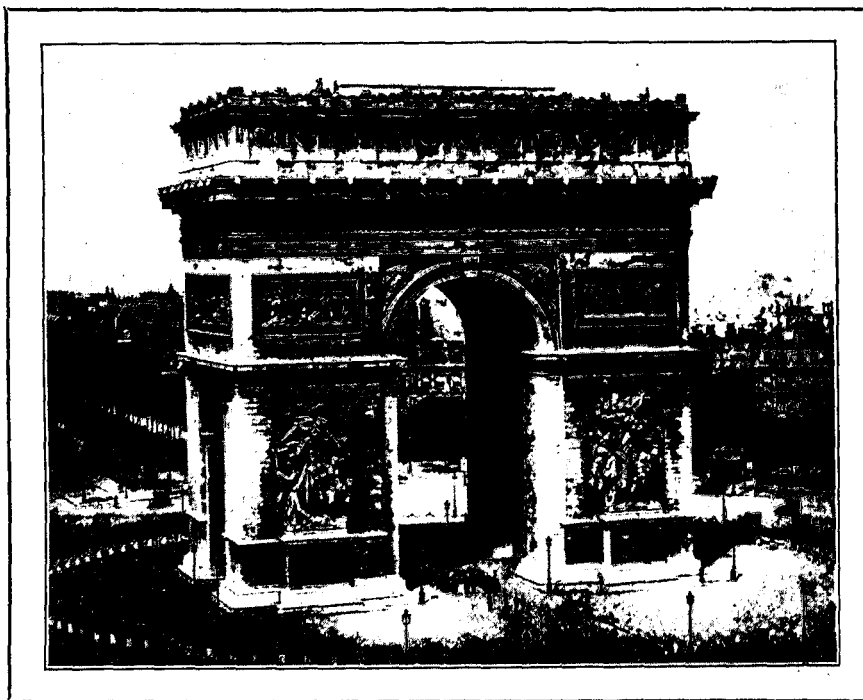
Next must be mentioned the Reception on the eve of the Congress by the City dignitaries in the historic Gurzenich, built in the fifteenth century for use on occasions when the Town Council desired to entertain distinguished guests with a magnificence worthy of the city. The lovely living pictures called forth warm admiration, and at the end the "Triumph of Hygeia" was depicted when nurses of many Nations, Associations and Leagues passed before

her and laid their offerings of flowers and laurels at her feet. The music also was entrancing for the Männer-Chor, one of the most famous choirs in the world, gave us of their best, and so with civic and professional welcomes ringing in our ears we separated for a brief season, to reassemble in the same place, early next morning, for the business of the Congress.

Sister Karll presided, and as President of the Congress welcomed the Presidents of National Councils, the official and fraternal delegates, and all the Congress members. Then followed the touching ceremony in memory of the dead, for death had been busy with our friends

during the last three years, and amongst those who had passed beyond the Veil were Miss Isla Stewart (Great Britain), Mrs. Hampton Robb (U.S.A.), and Dr. Lande, of Bordeaux, and we stood in their honour and remembrance for some poignant minutes while solemn and splendid music ending on a note of triumph testified to the recognition by the International Council of their greatness, and their outstanding services in the cause of Nursing, and especially to the Council. The Watchword for the next triennial period was then, by special request, given by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the Council. She chose the word "Aspiration," and invited the Affiliated Associations to translate it into accomplishment.

The chief feature of the morning's meeting was the reception of new National Associations—that of India being represented by Miss Creighton, and of New Zealand by Miss Jeannie Sutherland.



"THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE" AND THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER—PARIS.

During the International Congress of Nurses a Wreath will be placed with reverence on the Tomb by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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