

(Founder), expressing her disappointment at being unable to attend the Meeting of the I.C.N. in Montreal.

An interesting Report was presented by Miss Mabel Hersey, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, in which it was stated that the Federal Government had contributed 5,000 dollars to the expenses of the Congress, and the Municipality of Montreal had also made a substantial contribution. In all 9,000 dollars had been received.

The magnificent opening Meeting of the Congress in the Forum at Montreal was a truly inspiring occasion when the Hon. Ferdinand Rinfret, Secretary of State, read a message from the Governor-General, and tendered, on behalf of the Canadian Government, "the most cordial and enthusiastic welcome," which was followed by others.

The meeting on the following evening, when five new National Councils were received into membership, and at which the Founder's Watchword "Service" was read by Miss Breay, was the loveliest meeting we have ever attended.

The Forum, crowded to the roof contained from 7,000 to 8,000 nurses. Professor A. W. Goodrich, D.Sc., an Hon. President of the I.C.N., presided, and the five National Associations of Nurses of Sweden, Greece, Jugo-Slavia, the Philippines and Brazil, were welcomed by Presidents of Council already affiliated, with lovely flowers, beautiful music, amidst brilliant decorations of flags of all Nations. "Welcome, I bid you hearty welcome" said Miss Wu to Brazil, and Miss Larsson (Norway) greeted Sweden with a kiss, saying, "As a near neighbour and friend I have been longing for this for years."

The Congress, the Exhibition, the Social Functions were all just splendid; the half cannot be told. Especially reviving after hot Congress meetings were lovely parties in the cool grounds of country houses on the banks of the shining St. Lawrence and at country clubs.

Mention must be made of the strong sympathy shown with the Council and its aims by Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Chief of the Division of Child Welfare in the Department of Pensions and National Health at Ottawa, who attended many of its meetings and social functions, and extended cordial friendship to its members.

The officers elected for the ensuing quadrennial period were *President* Miss L. Chaptal; *First Vice-President* Miss Clara D. Noyes; *Second Vice-President* Miss Jean I. Gunn; *Treasurer* Miss E. M. Musson; *Secretary* Miss Christiane Reimann.

It is fitting to close with some words of the recently elected International President, Mlle L. Chaptal, expressive of her feelings at the end of the Congress.

"Life is made up of contrasts, is it not? And when we all came out of the big Hall, into the sweet Canadian night, I felt with deep relief and joy that I was just one nurse among thousands of other nurses, ready to work with all of them, hand in hand for four years, a fellow in the team, until the Paris Congress brings us together again for another loving contest and puts forward another President."

Who, as the story of the International Council of Nurses is unfolded, can deny the splendour of the vision upon which, with the co-operation of the nurses of the world, this great organisation has become a world-wide force. The splendour of the vision has been translated into the splendour of achievement. Thank God that here and there in a century there are still those who see visions and dream dreams.

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O Fruitful Genius | that bestowest here
An everlasting plenty, year by year.
O place, O people! Manners | framed to please,
All nations, customs, kindreds, languages.

ROBERT HERRICK.

PLEASE NOTE THESE DIRECTIONS.

By the time our readers handle this issue of the JOURNAL, the majority of those attending the I.C.N. Congress will have made their plans.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I.C.N.

We may remind members of the Board of Directors that it will meet to discuss an important Agenda on July 4th, 5th, and 6th, and that convenient arrangements have been made by which the British Members can leave London on Monday, July 3rd, by the "Golden Arrow" Express at 11 a.m., arriving in Paris at 5.40 p.m.

THE GRAND COUNCIL, I.C.N.

The meetings of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. take place on Friday, 7th, and Saturday, 8th July, by which time it is hoped the Official Delegates will be in Paris in time to attend.

THE CONGRESS.

On Saturday, July 8th, two trains leave Victoria, one at 9 a.m., and one at 2 p.m., for Paris, in which the majority of the Members of the National Council of Great Britain will travel, as convenient, to the Congress. Miss Le Geyt will travel on the 9 a.m. train, and Miss Villiers on the 2 p.m. train, so that they may be referred to if necessary. Both ladies will wear the Purple Ribbon Badge. The itinerary for travel and hotels has been arranged by Thos. Cook and Son, who have also secured the Registration Certificates for attending the Congress, and with whom Members have made their own arrangements. On Sunday, July 9th, the Office at the Congress Headquarters, at the Salles Pleyel, 252, Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris, 17^e, will be open from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 6 p.m., where Members will be afforded all necessary information.

There will be Mass at Notre Dame at 11.15 a.m., and a Protestant Service at the Eglise de l'Etoile, at 10.30 a.m. In the afternoon there will be Excursions.

On Monday, July 10th, the Congress will open in the Salles Pleyel, 252, Faubourg St. Honoré, situated near the Arc de Triomphe de l'Etoile, at 9.30 a.m., when the Addresses of Welcome will be delivered.

Mlle. Chaptal, the President of the International Council of Nurses, will preside. This will certainly be a crowded Meeting, so it will be well to be on time.

THE PAGEANT.

On the evening of July 11th the Reception will take place, at the Trocadero, of the Newly Affiliated National Associations. This has always proved one of the most interesting Sessions of the Congress. In Paris on that date pageantry will add to the beauty of the scene.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be in the Chair, and the programme will include:—

- (1) Introduction of National Representatives and Associate National Representatives of the I.C.N.
- (2) Introduction of Newly Affiliated Associations.
- (3) Living Pictures:
 - (a) A Procession of National Nursing Pioneers.

Great Britain will, of course, be represented by Florence Nightingale, who will be impersonated by Miss Daisy Caroline Bridges, of St. Thomas's Hospital, who is a member of the Nightingale Fellowship. The dress will be accurate in every particular, as it has been arranged in the Nightingale School.

We have not yet had a list sent from Headquarters of the National Heroines to be represented from each country, but we know Miss Ackerman, of South Africa, will represent Sister Henrietta, of Kimberley.

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