

études professionnelles pour le soin des malades, mais encore et peut-être surtout dans une prévention plus clairvoyante des maux évitables.

Nul plus que vous, Monsieur le Président, ne s'intéresse à l'hygiène sociale, et vous n'ignorez pas combien le rôle de l'infirmière en cette matière peut être efficace et bienfaisant sous une direction médicale et scientifique bien entendue. Je n'entrerai pas dans le détail de nos travaux ni de leurs résultats, mais je tiens à affirmer, en cette occasion que vous avez bien voulu nous offrir, que les infirmières de tous les pays sont unies dans la volonté confraternelle d'améliorer autant qu'il leur est possible le sort de ceux qui leur sont confiés et de contribuer de toutes leurs forces associées à combattre les fléaux sociaux.

Monsieur le Président, au nom du Conseil International des Infirmières, je vous prie d'agréer l'expression de notre gratitude et de notre respectueux dévouement.

Mlle. Chaptal then presented each member of the delegation to the President, as he made a circle of the guests he addressed a few eloquent words appreciative of their work to each. To the Founder he said:—

"Madame, you indeed deserve the first place."

A tour of the beautiful Elysée gardens was then made, where the sight of the fine residence recalled those historic figures who had lived there in times past, Madame de Pompadour, Napoleon I., Queen Hortense. Refreshments were served under the trees in these delightful surroundings, a courtesy greatly appreciated. As we departed from the Palace, another deputation stepped in. Then we posed for the photographers, the result of which snapshot appears on the previous page.

MME. LA MARECHALE LYAUTEY AT HOME.

All students of modern French history know well the name of the great Maréchal Lyautey—the Maker of Morocco—and the activities of this great French Pro-Consul, Diplomatist and Pacifator might well be studied by members of our I.C.N.; they teach lessons of the greatest value of how to govern men in pursuit of their well being and happiness. His policy of trust, not of force, carried out by a magnetic personality, received a marvellous and immediate response. It has been said "General Lyautey found a desert and made it bloom like a rose."

On July 6th, we eagerly accepted the very kind invitation of Mme. la Maréchale Lyautey who was "At Home" to members of the Grand Council at her beautiful hotel in the rue Bonaparte, where she received us all most graciously. Alas! we did not see the "Maker of Morocco" but we were privileged to enter the room where part of the wonderful collections he acquired in Western Algeria the Sud-Oranais, and Morocco are placed, and which are of the greatest historic value. Cakes were delicious, but "collections" are far more pleasing to those who have a flare for the antique, and the half hour spent amidst the African treasures of Maréchal Lyautey was one of the most inspiring of the Congress. It is such incidents which make the social amenities of our Congress of lasting value.

Mme. Lyautey made our visit to The Chateau of Malmaison a very special experience, as accompanied by the Curator we were given the inner history of the exhibits. Josephine, Napoleon—the little King of Rome! intimate reminiscences of a very pathetic nature, not to be gathered from a glimpse through a glass case. Quite inexplicable romance permeates French history through the centuries of time, and to trace it stone by stone, or item by item is an entrancing pursuit. We thank La Maréchale for happy hours and lasting memories.

LUNCHEON OFFERED BY THE CANADIAN DELEGATES, JULY 7TH.

The charming luncheon offered by the Canadian Delegates at the Hotel Cecilia, on July 7th, was a delightful reunion. The guests sat at round tables, an arrangement which always makes for informality. Miss Jean I. Gunn, Miss Emory, Miss M. Lindeburg, Miss Isabel MacIntosh and Miss A. E. Wells formed a bevy of hostesses who made us as welcome as could be. We realised the strength of the Canadian Group, in service of the International. Everything was charmingly French—delicious food and perfect service. In such surroundings the time flits far too fast, and when we saw the President rise, and thus notify time was up, we all (reluctantly) obeyed the signal, and returned to duty at the Salle Pleyel like lambs! realising that future hours held compensations. Had we not hidden in our bags little yellow tickets—admitting to the Opera at 8 p.m.? through the earnest discussions throughout the afternoon waves of harmonious sound came nearer and nearer!

THE OPERA.

After a hard day's work we could have enjoyed no more delightful recreation than a visit to the Opera—and that the President of the Republic should have placed his Loge No. 1 at our disposal was honour indeed. Many other boxes were also filled by members of the Board of Directors. In the President's box the eight seats were allotted to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd Still, Sister Bergliot Larsson (Norway), Miss Alexander (South Africa), Mrs. Watts (India), Mrs. Pon Yen (China), Miss Young (New Zealand), and Miss Isabel Macdonald.

A magnificent presentation of Berlioz' "Faust," which had been specially selected for our pleasure, was entrancing—the splendid orchestra responding to an encore. Then there was a lovely ballet, and when the curtain fell—low be it spoken—a lively little party paid a visit at midnight to "Montmartre" alas! but a shadow of its former mystery—no need for police protection in these days!

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mlle. Chaptal for the whole delightful evening.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATES' LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, JULY 8TH.

At work by 9.30 a.m., and then by 1 o'clock we were being entertained at luncheon by the American delegates at a delightful party at the American Women's Club, in the Rue Boissier. Miss Elnora Thomson presided, and we were by now used to her beguiling little ways; she was supported by Miss Clara D. Noyes, Miss Adda Eldredge, Miss Susan C. Francis, Miss Effie J. Taylor and Miss Evelyn T. Walker, all earnest supporters for many years of the "International," and having done so much to make it the success which it has become.

The Club lends itself to hospitality, and we took coffee, or delicious iced substitutes, under the trees in the courtyard.

Refreshed by sisterly kindness, once more we followed our President to the salon of duty, and discussed the really interesting Report of the proposed Florence Nightingale Foundation, which we all hope will provide such a spell binding link of amity between the nurses of the world in the future, listened to words of wisdom from Miss Musson on finance, elected Hon. Officers, and elected our very popular retiring President, Mlle Chaptal, an Hon. Member of the I.C.N. for life.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION AT HOTEL DE VILLE, PARIS, JULY 8TH.

At six p.m. on Saturday, July 8th, an official reception was given to the whole Grand Council of the I.C.N. in the splendid Hotel de Ville by the Municipality of Paris. The

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