

nificance. In our tour we met many notabilities: M. and Mme. Hymans—for the latter's gracious kindness throughout the Congress a very special vote of thanks is due. Many Ministers were present, also leaders in the Red Cross movement in Belgium. The rooms were crowded with thousands of members of the Congress, a spirited orchestra tempted the more lively to the dance, and the buffets were, of course, besieged.

A wonderful sight, a great triumph for all the organisers, for which a thousand thanks.

E. G. F.

HEARTFELT GOOD WISHES.

On her recent birthday the following telegram was sent:—

TO THE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS, CASTLE OF LAEKEN,
BRUSSELS.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain begs to convey to Her Majesty, The Queen of the Belgians, on her birthday, its heartfelt good wishes for her health and happiness.

(Signed) ETHEL BEDFORD FENWICK,
President.

REPLY.

To Mrs. Ethel Bedford Fenwick,
39, Portland Place, London.

Grateful thanks to you all for your very kind wishes.

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NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 97 nurses who have received their district training in England, 4 in Wales, 18 in Scotland, and 6 in Ireland, to be Queen's Nurses.

At a meeting of the Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing which met by invitation of Lady Gainford at 18, Mansfield Street, W., when the Earl of Athlone presided, it was announced that the National Birthday Trust has offered to provide office accommodation for the Queen's Institute at 57, Lower Belgrave Street. In addition to relieving the Institute of considerable expense, the increased accommodation will materially assist in developing the work. The Midwives' Institute will also have offices in the same building.

Reference was made to the help which the Institute had received from the charity performances recently given in London by Miss Ruth Draper.

It was stated that the names of 266 nurses had been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses since the meeting of the Council in February, and a report of the work in Greater London, showed that over a million and a half visits were paid by 647 nurses working under 91 nursing associations.

The British Red Cross Society took time by the forelock, in its desire to greet international delegates passing home through London, and sent invitations to Brussels inviting them to Dinner at the Cowdray Club on July 19th.

This reunion, at which Dame Sarah Swift was introduced as the real hostess, was a happy suggestion.

Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., LL.D., presided, and it was quite an international family seated round the table, many of whom had bid one another farewell in Brussels. Amongst the guests were Miss Emory and Miss Gunn, Canada; Miss Isabel Stewart, U.S.A.; Mrs. Pon Yen, China; Miss B. G. Alexander, South Africa; Miss C. Tan, Philippine Islands; Miss Natsuye Inouye, Japan; and many others. Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Musson, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Macdonald and Mrs. Rome were also present, and short informal speeches were made recalling the work and pleasures of the Congress week.

The honours bestowed in France and Belgium on members of the International Council were applauded, and the hospitality of the British Red Cross Society, arranged by Dame Sarah Swift, and the genial interest of Sir Arthur Stanley were sincerely appreciated.

Fortune favoured with regard to the weather, those who took part in the semi-finals and finals for the Tennis Challenge Cup for members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on Wednesday afternoon at Woolwich.

It was a perfect afternoon. There were sixteen competitors from Catterick, Netley, Tidworth, Millbank, Hilsea, The Cambridge and Louise Margaret Hospitals at Aldershot, and the tennis was of a high standard. The semi-final between Miss A. Osborne, A.R.R.C., of the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, and Miss D. B. M. Tew, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, was a hard-fought set in which Miss Osborne won.

Miss Osborne has a good record for her tennis achievements and she is the proud possessor of many trophies.

Miss E. M. B. Dickinson, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, was the runner-up, Miss Osborne beating her in the Finals 6-0-6-0.

Miss Williams, the Matron at Woolwich, received her guests in the garden and an excellent tea was provided.

Miss Medforth, Matron-in-Chief, C.B.E., R.R.C., presented the Cup to Miss Osborne which is to be held in the Sisters' Mess at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, for one year. The winner received a replica, and Miss E. M. B. Dickinson, the runner-up, also received a prize.

We hear great appreciation expressed of the new single rooms which have recently been added to the Club of the Royal British Nurses Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. as was briefly notified to the members of the Association in its Supplement in this JOURNAL last month. They will undoubtedly add to the popularity of this already popular Club, for there is nothing nurses appreciate more than the privacy and quiet of "a room to oneself." Especially is this the case with members of the Association who are private nurses, of whom so many make the Club their headquarters. Another reason for the popularity of the Club is that it has not, as is sometimes the case with clubs originally founded for nurses which later open their doors to unprofessional women. The members of the Association are fortunate also that their beautiful House is in so fine a position, and just now its proximity to

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