

had the honour that night to be received into the International Council of Nurses. He could not decline the invitation after having heard the magnificent eulogy of Miss Nightingale just delivered by Sir George Newman. He must give two words of thanks, to Miss Francis who had welcomed his compatriots into the Council in such a charming fashion, it was the domain of a small republic being welcomed by a mighty republic. Then he must thank Sir George Newman for his admirable Oration. It was always interesting to hear one famous person speaking of another famous person, and he felt his memory refreshed by the way in which so eminent a student of Florence Nightingale had dealt with her life.

By the way, while Sir George was delivering this Oration he could not help thinking of the words he had said, that as a former civil servant he was not able to be up to the mark as an orator. He did not think that it was in accordance with the spirit of Florence Nightingale to make a statement so entirely contrary to the truth.

Florence Nightingale was the leader of modern nurses, and M. Dunant in his country founded the Red Cross movement, so his country shared with this the honour of founding a movement for the alleviation of suffering in war.

Regret for absence of Sir Arthur Stanley.

Mrs. Fenwick, from the Chair, then quoted from a letter from Sir Arthur Stanley, who was to have supported the vote of thanks to Sir George Newman, conveying his sincere regret at being unable to be present, and moved that a message should be sent to him to let him know how much the meeting regretted his absence, a proposition which was warmly acclaimed.

Sister Bergljot Larsson seconds the Vote of Thanks.

Sister Bergljot Larsson, Hon. Member I.C.N., Superintendent of the Norwegian Nurses' Association, said that she had the honour to second the Resolution of thanks to Sir George Newman for his fine Oration. Florence Nightingale would always be remembered as the woman who saw her mission and who fulfilled it. Sir George Newman had demonstrated this in a way that those who had heard him would never forget.

Again she thanked him for his words that night.

The Chairman, in conclusion said that such an Oration must not be lost and asked Sir George Newman's permission to have it published, which he generously gave and which Mrs. Fenwick said would be a source of great satisfaction and of great pride.

No doubt other Orations on Florence Nightingale would be delivered in years to come, but she did not think that any could be of such enthralling interest as that to which they had just listened from Sir George Newman.

The vote of thanks, when put to the Meeting by the Chairman, was most enthusiastically applauded.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by the band, and the great meeting slowly dispersed in uplifted spirit.

PEEPS.

So uplifted indeed were some of those who had been present at this most impressive Meeting, inspired by the anthems of many nations, the welcome to great Australia at last made "one of us," and beautiful Switzerland and romantic Roumania received into Sistership—and the soul stirring delivery of the first Florence Nightingale Oration that we felt like sharing all this happiness with others—So before bed *peeps!*

First through a gateway into Victoria Gardens where day and night Emmeline Pankhurst with upward hand points toward the stars and then a whisper to trustworthy Father Thames who will convey a message to the Seven Seas.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL GARDEN PARTY.

Many thrilling events in the nature of hospitality extended to our International Colleagues had taken place during this wonderful Congress Week, but never were guests made more welcome than those who were present on Friday, July 23rd, at the London Hospital Garden Party.

The Matron, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., supported by a bevy of Sisters received the Guests in the Hospital Gardens, gay with flower beds and tables arranged for Tea. Visitors were first invited to see the new swimming bath, the latest thrill for the Nursing Staff, having been opened some two months ago, the gift of Mr. Meyerstein.

But to pass through a quaint doorway in the garden wall and the Garden of Eden is reached, here by the shade of trees, lawn and beds of flowers is the building of the swimming bath, so constructed that it forms the East boundary of the garden, the exterior of the roof forms two terraces which are mounted by steps from the garden where nurses may read and rest looking down on the garden. Within, the swimming bath and diving board are of the latest design and the reflection of the blue water evidently of great attraction, members of the staff revelling in its delights from 7 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Returning to the garden a most sumptuous tea was served on the lawn amid the animated chatter of the guests from many countries, the scene was enhanced by the beauty of masses of pink hydrangeas among palms and ferns arranged in numerous gold baskets placed along the colonnade.

Space does not permit of an adequate description of this delightful respite from the rush of Congress work, and the hospitality extended to our colleagues from many lands was in the warm-hearted spirit that we have learned to associate with the hostess and her staff at the London Hospital, which we feel sure will leave very happy memories of our great International gathering with those who enjoyed the sisterly kindness of all concerned. Visits were paid to the beautiful wards and to various modern departments where up-to-date treatment in nearly every branch of medicine is in daily use for the benefit of the patients. The London Hospital Nurses' League is one of the most harmonious and progressive groups in our National Council and their wonderful generosity in support of the Congress Appeal and the Hospitality Appeal has enabled many nurses from abroad to attend and enjoy our wonderful "International" in London.

GARDEN PARTY AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

The President and Governors of Guy's Hospital held a Garden Party in the hospital grounds on Friday Afternoon, July 23rd, when 300 members of the International Congress of Nurses were invited to be present and received a very kind welcome.

The card of invitation was couched in the usual quaint terms: "The President and Governors of the Hospital founded at the sole costs and charges of Thomas Guy, Esq., request the pleasure, etc," and as all cards of invitation and programmes of the happy events attended by the delegates are by some being carefully preserved as souvenirs the Guy's card is specially interesting.

Lord Nuffield the Treasurer was present and Miss MacManus, the Matron, with others received the guests—and the wards and departments, museum and the Nurses' Home were opened to visitors.

The various departments were clearly indicated by signs, and nurse-guides and interpreters were provided, so those who wished were able to see the interesting sections in which Guy's Hospital Nurses take special pride.

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