

It is a matter of gratification and pride to the Australian Nursing Federation that they are at last members of the International Council of Nurses. The message I shall take back to my country after this wonderful Congress, is one of hope and infinite optimism after being present at the different Sessions and hearing the papers read there. It has been a great privilege to come into contact with the keen and alert minds of those present. I also wish to express my thanks for the magnificent and boundless hospitality to delegates, it has been Royal, Governmental, Civic, Religious and Professional, and quite apart from the personal pleasure this has given to delegates, it has been significant of the status accorded to Nursing in the community which is due in no small measure to those great figures in the nursing world, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still.

We shall do our best to uphold the President's watchword of "Loyalty," and although this message is to say farewell to the Congress, I would rather say "au revoir" and "auf wiedersehen."

FAREWELL FROM ASIA.

Miss Natsuye Inouye of the Nurses Association of the Japanese Empire then spoke as follows:—
Madam Chairman, Members of the Congress—

As we separate to-day I feel it is a great honour and privilege, on behalf of the nurses of Asia, to give a parting message to the nurses who are gathered here from all parts of the world.

Kipling, one of the most outstanding authors of the British Empire, once said: "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet." It is less than 30 years that that idea was propounded by him and no one contradicted him. But to-day you are eye-witnesses of East meeting West right here in London, the city where Kipling was educated.

Not only East and West but South and North have met here to seek solutions to problems which in substance are of common interest to us all, and to consider ways of rendering service to humankind by activities such as the promotion of health, the prevention of disease and alleviation of suffering. Every time I attend a Congress of this kind, I realise more keenly the true international spirit of fellowship and good will that permeates the gathering.

I fail to find adequate words with which to express our sincere thanks and due appreciation for the kindness and forethought you have shown in providing for our comfort, enjoyment and observation. We would thank the British Nurses especially for arranging so carefully for us, and the many others who have helped us to participate so successfully in this Congress.

In the Meetings of this Congress we have gained great profit, in learning new methods, gathering valuable suggestions, renewing old friendships and in making new ones, inspiring us with fresh zeal for future efforts. What a great privilege it is for us to be in London, one of the largest and most beautiful cities in the world, rich in interesting historical relics and arts, and the very cradle of modern nursing. Here we have enjoyed hospitality so graciously extended to us by the British Nurses and the British people. We have felt entirely at home, a thing we shall never forget.

I should like to express our high admiration, deep gratitude and warm friendship to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, through whose great efforts arrangements were made for this Congress, and carried through with such wonderful success. In conclusion, allow me to express our heart-felt thanks for the hospitality which has been so graciously extended to us by the Royal Family of the British Empire and by many other distinguished people in this nation. On leaving London I am at a loss to know what to say. The spirit

of Florence Nightingale is still here and as we go back to our various countries may we carry with us fresh enthusiasm, fresh ideals and fresh impressions relating to our profession, a mission which we feel to be one of the noblest services women can ever hope to render.

Again thanking you *all* and bidding you *Farewell*, we pray for you a "Bon Voyage" and safe arrival in your home lands.

FAREWELL FROM EUROPE.

The last speaker was Sister Elisabet Lind, President of the Swedish Nurses Association, who spoke as follows:—

It is for me an honorable task and a great pleasure, now before the closing of this successful Congress to express the deepest gratitude from my European colleagues to the famous leaders, the Founder and Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the President for this Congress, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, the Board of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and all those who have given their help in order to make this Congress so splendid. We want to thank you for your friendship and the grand hospitality you have shown us, which has warmed our hearts, and last but not least for all the delightful invitations and social functions, never to be forgotten.

We have heard about the development of Nursing and welfare-work throughout the world, and got inspiration and a feeling of powerful solidarity, stimulating to further progress in our profession.

I also will take it as a great and responsible task to convey a farewell greeting to you all, representatives for nurses of all the world, from Europe, the Continent where *St. Francis of Assisi* lived and worked, where *Theodor and Friederike Fliedner*, by founding the first Deaconess' establishment at Kaiserswerth, planted a seed, which has grown into a mighty tree, that has given shelter to thousands of people in distress—where *Henri Dunant* succeeded in making the nations promise to respect the Red Cross, the symbol of mercy and humanity in time of war—and where *Florence Nightingale*, the heroine of the Crimean War, just in this country laid the foundation stone of modern nursing and hygiene and established the ethical as well as the theoretical and practical principles of the same.

Let us for a moment in gratitude pause, before the memory of these messengers of love who, by their lives and work have given us a valuable inheritance, and who have the right to demand the best we can give.

It is our duty to carry on the work in the same spirit as these great men and women.

May the *love* that filled their hearts and inspired them in their work of mercy also inspire us.

May we *believe*, as they did, that the *Good* will ultimately triumph.

With these earnest wishes Europe bids you all, friends and colleagues, farewell.

CLOSING REMARKS.

The President, Dean Effie Taylor, then said:

And now we are about to close the eighth Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses, founded in July, 1899.

We will go to the North and the South, to the East and the West, all over the world we will take with us the spirit of loyalty, the watchword given us by our President.

It is my happy honour to propose from this great assembly a heart-felt vote of thanks to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still who will always be a dear and an alive memory to those who have had the privilege of knowing her. We feel that we are better women and will be better nurses for having known and loved her, and for having been associated so closely with her during the past four years.

I declare the Congress now adjourned.

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