

### GARDEN PARTY AT BETHLEM ROYAL.

After the farewell meeting of the International Council of Nurses at the Central Hall on Saturday afternoon, numbers of delegates hurried away to accept the kind invitation to the Garden Party at Bethlem Royal Hospital, where the guests were received by Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., President of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, and Dr. Porter Phillips, who received a succession of hundreds of guests from 2.45 to 4 p.m.

Many visitors made a most instructive tour of the various departments of this most up-to-date Mental Hospital, and thoroughly enjoyed the lovely garden, music and hospitality.

Then away to prepare for the visit to the Guildhall as guests of the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Mayoress, the farewell function of the Congress.

### THE RECEPTION AT THE GUILDHALL, CITY OF LONDON.

In spite of Royal and other splendid hospitality, had the members of the International Congress of Nurses not been received by the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress, we should have felt that the coping stone of recognition had been omitted. Thus when the pink tickets arrived notifying "Reception of the Grand Council and the Delegates attending the Congress of the International Council of Nurses by The Corporation of London at Guildhall on Saturday July 24th, 1937, from 8.45 to 12 o'clock," it was realised that the farewell function to our wonderful Congress could not take place with greater honour in a more appropriate place than at the Guildhall in the City of London, which has been consecrated to Civic government for more than 1,000 years. Though no part of the present buildings is of much antiquity, considerable portions date back to the early years of the fifteenth century.

Of what a multitude of brilliant and moving spectacles has the Guildhall been the scene during the eight hundred years of its existence. Here, since 1501, has been held the Lord Mayor's annual Banquet. Think of Lord Mayor Whittington, entertaining King Henry V. and Queen Katherine, after Agincourt, at which he is said to have flung in the fire bonds of the King's worth £60,000. Once in the history of the City the Mayor entertained four Kings at once and the same time! But in this year of grace 1937—the representatives of our great Profession of Nursing are the honoured guests at Guildhall.

The Right Hon. Sir George Broadbridge, K.C.V.O., the present Lord Mayor, together with the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs of the City of London and their Ladies, received in the Library delegations of the Congress in national groups—each group being presented in the name of their country—a very picturesque scene—watched by nearly 2,000 of their compatriots from all over the world. Everything was done with splendour as is usual in the City of London, the whole suite of galleries and chambers being on view—the magnificent Great Hall, the Council Chamber, Library and Art Galleries—all of which contain wonderful exhibits of great historic value and interest. The String Band of the Honourable Artillery Company, the String Band of the Royal Artillery and the Aylmer Orchestra made fine music. Refreshments were served in the Guildhall, the Crypt, and the Library in great plenty. The reputation for generous hospitality at the Guildhall was undoubtedly maintained. Later in the evening the Lord Mayor gave great pleasure by welcoming the whole Congress in a delightful speech and wishing success in the future to the International Council of Nurses. Then came the witching hour of midnight—no farewells—just *au revoir*. U.S.A. 1941.

### FORMAL EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION OF THE CONGRESS.

HEADQUARTERS :  
51a, Palace Street, London, S.W.1.  
28th July, 1937.

The President,  
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain,  
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

It is my pleasant duty to convey to you the formal expression of the appreciation of the Congress.

At the General Session which closed the Congress, the following Resolution was carried unanimously :

"Whereas the 1937 Congress of the International Council of Nurses, assembled in London, has been characterised by breadth of vision, by an unusual oneness of purpose, and by the spirit of harmony which prevailed among those in attendance, and

"Whereas its programme was organised and developed around the education of the nurse in preparation for the service she may render to humanity, and

"Whereas with a full realisation of the meticulous planning and execution necessary to the consummation of a successful Congress : and

"Whereas no effort has been spared to throw open to those in attendance at the Congress those rich opportunities for entertainment to be found only in a country such as this, therefore, be it Resolved, That we extend our expressions of gratitude

"To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and to her associates, committees and sub-committees, in particular Miss Gullan, Miss Breay and Miss Angel, for the most interesting and stimulating programme which was prepared, for the perfection of the arrangements for the Congress, and for the use of the offices of the British College of Nurses for carrying on the work in preparation for the Congress ;

"To the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for hospitality during the Congress, and to Members of the Board of Directors at the Cowdray Club."

May I ask that you will kindly convey this expression of gratitude to those included in it?

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ANNA SCHWARZENBERG,  
Executive Secretary.

### "THE BEST EVER."

Alas! London seems quite empty now that our delightful colleagues from overseas—together with our own enthusiastic fellow nurses at home—have departed to visit our lovely homeland, and others to duty. It is, indeed, good to know that "London 1937" has been acclaimed "the best ever."

Personally we are not going to pretend that our Congress was not quite a marvellous success because it was, and it has been acclaimed as such with sincere appreciation by hundreds of guests from all over the world who are returning home with a warm place in their hearts for "little old England" and we hope for those of us who prepared for their coming with vigour and watched their appreciation with delight. A wonderful gathering—a splendid refreshment—so much outpouring of heart and spirit, it was amazing. And then who can blame us for purring when we took tea with two Queens at Buckingham Palace, sat on the Crimson Benches in the House of Lords, stood by the grave of Florence Nightingale, covered with flowers—and wandered through the grounds and private rooms

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