

of her lovely home at Embley Park, dined by *candle-light* in the Great Hall at Bart's—the premier Royal hospital in the Empire, with portraits of Kings to right and left, and Kings of Medicine and Surgery around, and listened to the kindest speech of welcome from Sir Arthur Stanley at "Thomas's" before enthusiastically coming into touch with Nightingale treasures, and supped with the Lord Mayor of London and his glittering lady at the magnificent Guildhall, with its treasures of silver and of gold, and priceless parchments on view, and tea at the R.B.N.A., first organisation of Nurses in the world, welcomed by its President, a Royal S.R.N.

And the History of Nursing Pageant—an exquisite poem depicting how beautiful and holy is goodness, from prehistoric times until our day. Many minds and many hands combined to make our Congress great, and many expressions of thanks with lovely flowers and letters attest appreciation of the Congress arrangements, the Programme, the Badge, the instructive papers and lively discussions. Why then should we not purr?

IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS AND LETTERS OF THANKS.

The Congress of 1937, which has just ended, will go down into history as one of the most outstanding events in Nursing, and cannot fail to have a marked influence on Nursing throughout the world.

To sit in the deliberation of important and really vital questions with colleagues from thirty-two different countries is in itself an inspiration. But when the representation of these countries, so widely separated, came together with one great objective, and sought, through an interchange of ideas, to forward Nursing as a profession and as a vocation, progress of considerable magnitude must inevitably result.

The striking note which was sounded in almost every paper given was better education for nurses, for the care of the sick and the prevention of disease. The Congress was unique in the richness of its programme, in its arrangements for the transaction of business, and for the comfort and welfare of all its members. The Nurses of the world owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Nurses of Great Britain, who left no stone unturned to make the gathering one long to be remembered by every person who had the rare privilege of being present.

Perhaps, never before have the Nurses of the world felt the deep significance of the International Council of Nurses, and appreciated so profoundly the far-reaching vision which brought it into being. It was fitting, indeed, that the realisation should be outstandingly manifested in England, the land in which the Council was born in 1899.

We owe wonderful thanks and gratitude to the hostess country, and to all who participated in giving to the Nurses of the world a rare treat, practically, mentally, and spiritually.

EFFIE J. TAYLOR.

Wednesday, July 28th, 1937.

MRS. BEDFORD-FENWICK,
President National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—I cannot go from London without leaving with you some expression of my deep appreciation of the completely successful Congress which, under your able direction, was arranged for the members of the International Council of Nurses.

From the many complimentary official and unofficial statements which I heard, I know that all of us will return to our respective countries with fresh confidence in the greatness of the task which we, as nurses, have set for ourselves, and with renewed courage to attack the many problems which the Congress has taught us are common to all.

Being common to all, it follows, therefore, that the combined wisdom and strength of our membership all over the world will be used to help bring about their solution.

May I express to you and through you, to the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the deep appreciation of those of us from the United States of America whose privilege it was to attend, as well as gratitude for the hospitality extended to us and for the many courtesies shown us by all with whom we came in contact.

Believe me to be, my dear Mrs. Fenwick,

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

SUSAN C. FRANCIS,

President American Nurses' Association.

GERMAN NURSES DEEPLY IMPRESSED.

DEAR EDITOR,—Before leaving England I should like to let you know how deeply impressed all the German Nurses are by what we have gained from the Congress of the I.C.N. We are convinced that the meetings have been dealt with from the high point of view.

The I.C.N. has fulfilled its tasks in an excellent way. I would like to express on my and their behalf warmest thanks for the great hospitality shown to us on so many occasions. We also do wish to thank all English Nurses for the kindness extended to us.

Be assured that we shall never forget this wonderful Congress, which was in our opinion a step forward in the development of the I.C.N. and our profession. Again expressing our hearty thanks,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(OBERIN) HELENE BLUNCK.

INDIA TO HEAR OF A WONDERFUL TIME.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—To yourself and to the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, I wish to try to express my own personal thanks and also the thanks of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, for the exceeding great hospitality which we have had here in London during the past fortnight and especially at the Cowdray Club as your guests.

Words cannot fully express our appreciation of all that has been done for us. It has been a wonderful time and we hope to take the impression of it back to India with us.

Yours very sincerely,

H. W. SUTHERLAND.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.—For all your trouble and work for the very wonderful time we have had in the Cowdray Club as wherever we went I want to thank you most heartily. I know the Danish Nurses have had a good and happy Congress.

Yours sincerely,

ELISABETH WITH.

Members of the Swedish Nurses' Association who have attended this successful congress send you their most hearty thanks and regards.

Yours sincerely,

ELISABET LIND.

SOUTH AFRICA SENDS GRATEFUL THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.

Miss B. G. Alexander, second Vice-president, writes:—
"Now that the great International Congress is over, may I congratulate you very sincerely on its success in

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