

THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE L.C.C. SCHOOL NURSES' SOCIAL UNION.

In connection with the International Congress of Nurses, the "L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union," held a Reception at the Hotel Victoria on July 19th, invitations having been sent to 100 guests.

The President, Miss Dorothy Bannon, C.B.E., was the hostess.

Amongst the many welcome visitors who attended, there were colleagues from Canada, U.S.A., France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark and six visitors from Palestine, the majority of whom are engaged in Public Health Nursing.

It gave us much pleasure to have as our guests Sir Frederick Kay Menzies, K.B.E., and other medical officers.

A very pleasant evening was spent, music being provided by a string band and two soloists whose rendering of songs and impersonations was much enjoyed.

E. F. BROWNSDON,
Secretary.

ECHOES OF THE CONGRESS.

The following letters will in due course be presented to the Congress Arrangements Committee; in the meanwhile, we have received them with great pleasure:—

JE VIENNE VOUS DIRE ENCORE UNE FOIS MA PROFONDE RECONNAISSANCE.

CHERE MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.—Dés mon retour du Congrès j'en suis partie me reposer à la montagne car, après ces journées si remplies professionnellement et socialement on éprouvait le désir et le besoin de se reposer ! J'espère que vous-même, qui avez participé d'une façon si active et si efficace à la préparation du Congrès et à toute son activité, avez pu aussi quitter Londres et prendre un repos bien gagné.

Avant d'être trop prise par mon travail à l'Ecole et celui de l'Association des Infirmières il faut que je vienne vous dire encore une fois ma profonde reconnaissance.

J'ai à vous remercier de la bonne hospitalité qui m'a été offerte au Cowdray Club où tout a été fait pour mon confort avec une prévenance charmante. Et je veux encore vous remercier pour cette visite à Embley Park qui me laissera un souvenir inoubliable et de l'Oration qui a couronné ces admirables journées.

Durant ce séjour à Londres, en réalisant le prestige de l'infirmière, son autorité, j'ai pu réaliser ce que vous aviez pu accomplir dans votre pays après une vie consacrée au développement de la profession et de cela aussi je vous exprime ma profonde reconnaissance.

En souhaitant une prospérité croissante du Conseil National des Nurses de Grande Bretagne je vous redis encore, chère Mrs. Bedford Fenwick toute ma reconnaissance et mon admiration avec l'expression de mes sentiments très dévoués.

J. DE JOANNIS.

Association des Infirmières de l'Etat Français,
66, Avenue de Saxe—Paris XV.

THE DEEPEST THANKS OF HUNGARIAN NURSES.

Magyar Apölonok Szövetsége.

To the Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Having taken up our work, we feel at our first meeting the desire to express again our deepest thanks for all the hospitality and sisterly feelings we got from our hostesses, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

We enjoyed our stay in London very much indeed, and shall remember it always with pleasure. The contact with the different nations and the interchange of our professional

ideas will bring certainly useful results to all, but especially to us younger members of the I.C.N. Your excellent organisation made this contact possible and easy.

Once more many thanks for all your kindness to our delegates, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

M. MARIE FIATH, President.

In the name of the Hungarian Nurses' Association.

Budapest, I. Györi -ut 17,
26th August, 1937.

A LOYAL DUTY.

MY DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—Just coming home from my vacation, I feel it not only a loyal duty, but a real pleasure, to express my thanks for all we did enjoy at the I.C.N. Congress.

It was splendidly arranged and besides all the professional profit, the marvellous social entertainments provided were enjoyed and appreciated I am certain by all of us.

Of course, it meant tremendous work and thought to organise it ahead, and have it run so, but so smoothly as it did.

It will be an unforgettable memory for me and thanking you, dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, as the leader of all of it, again I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

ALEXANDRA M. v. WACKER,

Superintendent,

National Delegate for Hungary.

State School of Nursing and Public Health,
Budapest.

THE ORATION SHOULD BE IMPRINTED IN THE MIND OF EVERY NURSE.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—As soon as I arrive home I do want to come and thank you for the most hearty welcome we received in your country.

It has been a very great pleasure for me to meet you personally and to see what I knew already—all that you do for the Nurses and the Nursing Profession.

You are the soul and the heart of our big international movement; you understand the place the nurse has to reach, and your strong personality and your prestige has made it understood in many parts of the world.

The Florence Nightingale Oration has given us a wonderful impression. That Oration should be imprinted in the mind of every Nurse, and I do hope, for my part, that Sir George Newman will give his agreement to have it spread out as wide as possible.

The Florence Nightingale Statuette much struck me while in London, and I would love to have it in my own school. Would it be too much trouble to you, Madam, to be as kind as to let me know where I could buy one of those lovely statuettes, and where it could be provided from? In the meantime, could you tell me if it will be possible to provide a statue of Miss Cavell like the one near Trafalgar Square?

I do want it very much indeed, because Miss Cavell was not only one of our beloved war heroines, but really she was the pioneer of the Nursing profession in Belgium.

Once more I want to express to you all my very best thanks.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

J. DE MEYER, Matron.

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