

prehend . . . Oh! dear dynamos, I have a heavy stone in my heart when I think of the world villains who are plotting destruction in the world . . . but I don't want to express my fears. How brave you all are! What fortitude and courage! My love and every good wish and hope for you.

LAVINIA L. DOCK.

#### WITH US IN SPIRIT.

COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—How more than kind of you to send me the copy of your Programme for the International Congress of Nurses. The glowing accounts I am now receiving increases my regret, already deep, that I could not attend, for I realise that this gathering is almost epochal.

You, who laid the foundation stone of this great international Association, can indeed sing a *Nunc Dimittis*, for you could not have dreamed, I think, when you and Isabel Hampton Robb, Isla Stewart and Miss Breay (whose names should precede Mrs. Robb's) conferred together, that within your lifetime so wide and strong an international relationship would be achieved.

Black as is the horizon I cannot but believe that the now great forces striving for universal human understanding will eventually surmount the threatening world disaster.

Of the far-reaching influence of the nursing profession I have no question, an influence immeasurably strengthened through the organisation you have effected.

A thousand congratulations, dear Mrs. Fenwick, and believe, I beg you, that I was with you in spirit even though circumstances held me here.

Affectionately yours,

ANNIE W. GOODRICH.

[To Founders of the I.C.N., the absence from our London Congress, 1937, of Miss L. L. Dock and Miss A. W. Goodrich, was just the one irreparable loss.—ED.]

#### THESE ARE PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING,  
NEW YORK CITY.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Having completed 10,000 word report of the Congress for publication in the September issue of our Magazine, I now have time to write some of the letters that have been much in my mind ever since I departed from London. . . . I do hope that you feel happy over the success of all your planning. I have heard nothing but compliments, sometimes followed by the quite usual comment about "more time for discussion." That is so characteristic of any good Congress that I think of it as a compliment rather than as a criticism.

I do want you to know how very deeply grateful I am for your many personal courtesies. Nothing during my entire three weeks in London touched me more than to find that you had taken time out of one of your crowded days to telephone an enquiry about my health . . . I like to remember, too, that you had wanted to arrange for me to have a visit in your own charming house. That, of course, is the *n*th degree of hospitality—especially during so busy a time as those weeks were for you. I cherish the memory of the very brief visit in London in 1934. That few minutes gave me an unforgettable picture of the background of your life. I was delighted to have the privilege of seeing some of your amazing collection of "Nightingaleana." These are precious memories. The success of the Congress is in itself a tremendous tribute to your genius for organisation.

Please once more accept my affectionate homage and appreciation for all that you have meant to me personally as well as to the profession.

Sincerely yours,

MARY M. ROBERTS, *Editor*.

#### BELGIAN NURSES HAVE SPLENDID MEMORY OF CONGRESS DAYS.

FÉDÉRATION NATIONALE DES INFIRMIÈRES BELGES,  
BRUXELLES.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—Now that most of us are home, I want to tell you of the splendid memory we all have of that most interesting Congress some 110 Belgian nurses had the privilege to attend.

We all want to come and express our most heartfelt thanks to you, and to the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and we want to tell you again how wonderful every minute of those Congress days has been for us all. Personally I want to add all my thanks and gratitude to you for your delightful hospitality and for the most hearty welcome I received at the Cowdray Club as the guest of the Congress Committee.

Words cannot fully express our appreciation of all that has been done for us, and it is with all our hearts that we want once more to thank you.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,

M. DAMMAN,

*President*.

#### CONGRESS A VERITABLE PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND.

HADASSAH SCHOOL OF NURSING,  
JERUSALEM.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—In the name of our organisation and of the nurses of Hadassah who attended the Quadrennial Congress of the I.C.N., I wish to give you our sincere and heartfelt thanks, as also to your Committee, for the excellent organisation and arrangements of the Congress, which it was a veritable privilege to attend.

Meeting you personally was indeed one of the outstanding events of my memorable stay in London, and I shall not easily forget the wonderful work of which you have been the mainspring for so many years.

We hope to make our new medical centre and School of Nursing on Mount Scopus, in Jerusalem, worthy of the best traditions of the nursing profession, and feel that we would start off under good auspices if you would be good enough to let us have a brick from Florence Nightingale's home as a symbol, as I understand has been given to other similar institutions. This is the formal request in writing which you indicated as necessary.

With great appreciation and kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

SHULAMITH L. CANTOR, *Principal*

#### APPRECIATION FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES ASSOCIATION,  
CAPE TOWN.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I hope you will accept being on the sick list as the reason for my delay in writing to tell you what a wonderful experience the Congress was, and how much we South Africans appreciated and enjoyed it. Your own part was so truly amazing. I shall never forget your conducting of the General Session on the Wednesday evening, with your Chairmanship of Sectional Meetings on the top of the superhuman work which you must have been putting through for months. For your personal kindness and hospitality I am most warmly grateful.

With very kindest regards and all good wishes for your happiness and well being,

Yours very sincerely,

HETTY C. HORWOOD,

*Organising Secretary*.

[The organisers of the Congress are indeed gratified by the worldwide appreciation of their honoured guests and colleagues.—ED.]

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