

the loyal gratitude of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses for the honourable privilege granted to its members by His Majesty the King.—“British Journal of Nursing.”

There is much more in all the morning papers about these great four days, and the various functions held, but space forbids more at present. In future issues we hope to give a few notes about the prominent personalities in the nursing world, with whose names it is well for all interested in our profession and its progress to be familiar. These notes will be gleaned from the “British Journal of Nursing,” which has of late been giving such particulars about many interesting women. We shall also hope to give something about the Nursing Exhibition, held at the Caxton Hall in connection with the Congress.

New Zealand Representatives

Miss Palmer, of Wellington, attended the Congress to represent the Wellington branch of the N.Z.T.N. Association. It had been desired that a delegate should be formally sent from the amalgamated Association, but owing to the delays in final arrangements for affiliation, we were not able to accomplish this.

Miss Maude, of Christchurch, should also have represented the Christchurch branch, but although we are glad to say she was present at the Congress, she had not been officially directed to do so.

Our great distance from the centre of things and the youth of our Association may plead our excuse; but let us not be behind next time.

Some extracts from a letter from Miss Palmer will be of interest:—

“The Congress is now a thing of the past, and a most successful week it was. There were some grand papers read. I wish more of the N.Z. nurses in London had attended the sessions. I only met Miss Maude and Miss Thomas the whole time. It was a grand opportunity of meeting nurses from all different parts of the globe. Really, we had a splendid time, and met with kindness and hospitality at every turn from our sister nurses here in good old England. I could not help wishing that New Zealand might have been among the newly-affiliated. The affiliation ceremony was very impressive; Holland, Finland, Denmark and Canada being admitted.

“You would have been greatly impressed had you seen the great gatherings in the Hall

each day. Such splendid types of women present, all showing such keen interest in the clever papers and the discussions which arose out of them.

“I have not yet heard whether New Zealand’s chief centres have affiliated. Did you send papers with information? If so, they did not reach me. [There were papers sent hoping to be received in time, as soon as the four branch Councils had agreed to affiliate.—Ed.]

“Nothing was expected from New Zealand, which came in late, when the programme was full, but being a ‘fraternal delegate,’ I was privileged to participate in everything. I do hope that our country will be ready to supply a delegate for 1912, when Congress meets at Cologne, and that by then all will be straightened out, and affiliation made possible with the ‘International.’”

In a letter received from an Australian nurse reference is made with great admiration to the interesting speeches of the foreign nurses, and the wonderful way they were delivered in English.

Letter from Miss Dock

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

431 Oxford Street, London W.,
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Dear Miss Maclean,

You will make known to all the New Zealand nurses, will you not, how very great was the gratification and pleasure afforded the members of the International Council by the sending of the fraternal delegates, Miss Maude and Miss Palmer? We were delighted to meet and have them with us, and now that your national association is about formed, I hope that at the next meeting in Cologne, in 1912, New Zealand will enter as a full member. Will you not put this at one of your coming meetings? You will see by the report, when it reaches you, that we have reduced fees and not numbers of delegates, and as you always have members travelling, we hope always to see some of you at future meetings; and then another excellent reason for wishing you to come into membership is that I want very much to get to New Zealand some day, and see no prospect of it unless we should have an International Council meeting there.—Believe me, with cordial regards, yours sincerely,

L. L. DOCK.