

The work of organizing and corresponding in committees or sections was a work of nearly two years. The different committees had corresponding members in each Council of the International, who sent to us the name of the delegate and the prospective writers of papers, etc. When the Congress with its nine sections, Arts and Music, Education, Health and Physical Training, Literature, Industrial, Professions and Careers for Women, Laws concerning women and children, Philanthropy and Social Work and Moral Reform met in Toronto on the 24th June, there was a fine phalanx of papers and speakers gathered together. To those doing active duty on the 'inside,' as it were, there were exacting details, but there was ample compensation in the 'touch' with so many bright women from near and far. The International aspect of the gathering and of the papers and discussions was interesting and broadening. It seemed strange at first, to find that women in Sweden were thinking and doing pretty much the same as we were thinking and doing—with just enough difference to make comparisons worth while. Indeed there was almost a feeling of kinship with the delegates from Australia, they seemed so familiar and so like "oursel."

Through the really magnificent hospitality of a number of Toronto ladies we were given many opportunities of meeting and talking outside of 'meetings.' Every day at the lunch hour, when we were the guests of some generous hostess or hostesses at the Students' Union we had renewed chances of talking and comparing notes.

Other days on the trip to Niagara, to Lady Edgar's at Lake Simcoe, to Mrs. Sanford's at Hamilton, to the Guelph Agricultural College, &c., we had a chance to mingle and touch, to hear opinions from our foreign guests and note impressions, and to help them to an understanding of our people and country.

There is no doubt that the Quinquennial meeting of the International, which met in Toronto last June will prove a fine promoter of the best kind of immigration.

It is to be hoped that they did not carry away too rose-colored a picture of us—since the country and city was at its best—lavish both of nature's and man's gifts.

At any rate there was much cordial appreciation of our country, its ways and people, so far as our visitors saw them.

About a hundred of the visitors took the excursion West to the coast and to Seattle, stopping at a number of places and being cordially welcomed and entertained at each.

Apart from the grave and serious matters under discussion, there were side issues and friendly criticism. One criticism from our English friends was that Canadian women gave too much time, thought and money to dress. This recurs to me since I saw it repeated in an English paper. Who will say the 'criticism is undeserved?'

Where there were so many subjects and so many good papers it is hopeless to make mention of any. Most of the papers given were by women who