

sections were placed conspicuously on the walls to give the members of each an opportunity of meeting and greeting.

The next morning, Sunday, the Archduke Joseph, in the name of the King, formally opened the Conference and received the members with impressive ceremonies amid a vast amount of gold lace and glistening orders. There were speeches by delegates from every country, and the Convention was officially open to begin work in earnest on Monday morning.

Monday evening another soirée was held. The great concourse gathered in the splendid Municipal Building and several courageous soloists endeavoured in vain to make themselves heard above the conversation of the multitude.

The next evening occurred the most interesting of the social events. On a small island in the beautiful City Park a perfect representation of an old Hungarian castle is used as an Agricultural Museum. The Ladies' Committee held here a reception, to which only members accompanied by ladies were bidden. The castle with its lines of dignity and beauty, the gay assembly thronging the court-yard and stately halls and apartments, the supper composed almost entirely of native Hungarian dishes, and the weird gypsy music dominating the scene, produced an effect that will long linger in the memory of all who were fortunate enough to be present. The Hungarian ladies were most kindly and assiduous in their attentions to the wives and daughters of the doctors. Every day they arranged for drives and trips to the museums, art galleries, and all places of interest in Budapest and vicinity, giving their entire time to their guests, but only upon this one occasion did they act as hostesses to the men.

Any mention of the social life of Budapest would be incomplete without a word of praise for these ladies. They were most charming, and their linguistic ability and gracious manner impressed all who had the pleasure of meeting them.

A most interesting gala performance at the National Theatre of the "Tragedy of Man" took place on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening the Archduke received formally certain of the delegates at the Palace in Buda. These and the receptions of the doctors' clubs constituted the large social events held in connection with the Conference.

Beside the hospitality of the Hungarian, every member was assured of their independent and patriotic spirit.

Each member of the Convention received literature explaining the political position of Hungary, so that no one left Budapest thinking that Hungary belonged to Austria. Far from it. It is a brave and