

The tables were almost covered with lilacs, lilies, and all the harbingers of the summer, mingled with hothouse flowers and fern. As she left the room, each Nurse was given one, in most cases two, large bouquets to carry away with her. Tea over, the whole party adjourned to the large gallery, and Lady Colebrooke awarded medals and gratuities to twenty Nurses, some of whom had remained at their posts for more than eight years; and later in the evening, Lady Montagu said a

few words on the subject of the Indian Hospitals. Lady Montagu has just returned from the East, and to her audience her graphic descriptions were peculiarly interesting. From seven o'clock till nearly ten, the galleries presented an animated scene. The Nurses, some seventy or eighty in number, were scattered about in twos and threes, many looking at the pictures, catalogue in hand, others chatting to sister-nurses and friends not seen since the previous year.

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