

Miss Lavinia Dock, late Superintendent of the Illinois Training School, Chicago, and Hon. Secretary of the American Society of Superintendents;

Miss Hanna Kindbom, who was by birth a Swede, but who received her training in the United States, and who had been appointed Professor of Nursing in the University of Texas, thus establishing the recognition of the principle of the collegiate course for nurses, and part of whose duty it was to instruct male students in the elements of trained nursing;

Miss Snively, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, who had done all in her power to be present at this Congress, and who wrote of her inability to attend it as "one of the great disappointments of my life";

Miss Martha Farquharson, Matron of the Melbourne Hospital, Victoria, who had done so much for the advance of nursing in that colony;

Miss McGahey, Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales, was the representative of the Council in that colony, and her splendid organizing powers were universally acknowledged.

The Hon. Member of the Council in New Zealand was Mrs. Grace Neill, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Asylums, who was present at the dinner, and whose paper, read before the Congress, on the Professional Training and Status of Nurses, had been received with much appreciation.

In Holland the Hon. Member was Miss Reijnvaan, late Lady Superintendent of the Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam, and the initiator of the Dutch Nursing Association, so that it would be recognized that only the most illustrious nurses, all the world over, had been invited to become Hon. Members of the Matrons' Council.

Mrs. Fenwick regretted that no nurses were present at the Congress from France, Germany, and Russia, but there were representatives from Denmark and Sweden, who were the guests of the Council on the present occasion. In conclusion, she spoke appreciatively of Miss Stewart's work as Chairman of the Council, and said that she had done much for it in these troublous times by her courage, persistency, and steadfastness. She proposed the toast of "The Matrons' Council," coupled with the names of the Chairman and the Hon. Members.

Miss Stewart replied, and in doing so said that although the Council could not number many of the London Hospital Matrons amongst its members, it had most of the matrons of the important country hospitals. Progress, as a rule, began in the provinces. It must be remembered that the Matrons' Council appealed to a

small class of women. The fact, therefore, that thirty-two new members had joined it during the last year was a matter for congratulation.

Miss Stewart then presented the Badge of the Society to the Hon. Members, after which Mrs. Neill spoke on behalf of the Hon. Members and expressed her hearty thanks for the badge just presented. She promised to convey to Victoria the greetings of the Council, when she visited the Prince Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, on her way home.

Miss Dock also expressed her thanks, and spoke of the cordial relations which had always existed between the American Society of Superintendents and the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and said that the American Superintendents had always recognized congenial spirits in the leaders of the Matrons' Council.

Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson, of the United States, then rose to propose the next toast, "The Nursing Profession." She said:—

"Mrs. President, and my Professional Sisters,—I am touched to the heart at the great privilege of being allowed to propose the toast of the Profession of Nursing, for within my memory nursing was not a profession. The distinction lies in the difference between trained and untrained work, in the education of the nurses of to-day, and I should like to say, do not be afraid of raising your standard too high. It is educated women who have raised nursing—the sister profession of medicine—to the high position which it holds to-day, so high that if I were asked which I would do without, the medical practitioner or the trained nurse, I would take the trained nurse."

Mrs. Quintard, Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, New York, in responding to the toast, said, if she could not be eloquent she could be brief. She would like to thank the promoters of the International Congress and the Members of the Matrons' Council for affording her this opportunity for meeting women of other professions from all parts of the world. Superintendents who were shut off from the world did not expand. They should go out into the world and interest themselves in other things. She would take back with her to the United States a lovely idea of old England.

Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton, who rose to propose the last toast, that of "The Guests," said that it was an anticlimax to ask her to speak after all that had gone before, she really could not do it. She would, however, ask those present to honour the toast of the Profession of Medicine, which was represented there to-night, and of the other guests who had honoured the Matrons' Council by their presence.

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