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## Editorial.

### Nurses' Jubilee Banquet at Lincoln's Inn.

THE BANQUET of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn, London, on May 12th, 1955, to celebrate their 50 years' work, at which Her Highness Princess Marie Louise was the Guest of Honour, marked another milestone passed in Nursing History.

The members and guests were received by Miss L. Duff Grant, President; Sir Harry, President Royal College of Surgeons, and Lady Platt.

Some 300 members and guests foregathered in the fine Council Chamber, where something of the evolution of Medicine is portrayed on numerous paintings of the great Pioneers through the centuries; this Chamber pannelled in Oak—Oak unique in that it was cut from the Great Oak planted in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and given by Ethicon Sutures in the Coronation Year of Queen Elizabeth II. (It will be remembered that the building of the Royal College of Surgeons was damaged by enemy action during the Second World War).

Passing into the new Great Hall, history continues in magnificent portraits. Silver tankards and trophies each telling their own story, adorned the tables for this delectable feast, and in contrast hung sapphire blue curtains.

There were among the distinguished members and friends present, the Lord Bishop of London and

Mrs. Wand, the Mayor and Mayoress of Westminster, Mr. J. Gordon Elsworth, J.P., and Mrs. Elsworth, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Sir Arthur Gemmell, President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Minister of Labour and National Service, Sir Walter Monkton and Lady Monkton, Dame Elizabeth Cockayne, Chief Nursing Officer Ministry of Health, Mlle M. Bihet from Belgium, President, International Council of Nurses, and Miss J. Loveridge, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who presented a bouquet to the Guest of Honour, Her Highness Princess Marie Louise.

Messages of Greetings from Her Majesty the Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Patron of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, were read by Miss Duff Grant, who proposed the Loyal Toast. Good wishes too came from a colleague, Miss Frances Rowe, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Nurses, at

present on a Course in the United States of America.

Sir Harry Platt in proposing the Toast of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland humorously disclaimed knowledge of the National



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