

Mayor Diehl, the first speaker, extended a welcome to the visitors more in the capacity, as he expressed it, "of a medical man than as a mayor." In the course of his remarks he said that no physician on earth holds such a responsible position as does the nurse.

Mrs. John Miller Horton, in her usually gracious manner, extended a welcome in behalf of the Board of Women Managers of the Exposition.

"The request to say a few words of welcome to you comes to me as a pleasant means of expressing the deep interest I feel in your organization," she said, "and my appreciation of the noble work in which you are engaged. Some of you have come to us from over the sea. To you I extend a double welcome. It must be remembered that only a few short years ago you were obliged to fight the prejudices that new methods are apt to encounter in the Old World, and those of us who were travelling on the continent were obliged to telegraph to London for help in times of illness. It will be recalled that the uniform you wear then sent terror to the hearts of many of the gay revellers at Mediterranean resorts, who thought only of themselves and did not wish to have any reminder of the grim presence of disease. To me that uniform is a badge of honour worthy to rank with the cross of St. Louis or Victoria. Your profession calls for not only great technical skill, but a rare patience and courage.

"In this connection I will relate an incident which occurred a few years ago in one of the cities in the south of France. Through the long, lonely watches of the night a mother sat by the bedside of her child, ill unto death, unable to find anyone to aid her in the care for the little one. But when, with the dawn, the English trained nurse arrived from London, it seemed as if the brightness of the sunshine had entered the sick-room, and the heavy burden of a dread responsibility had been lifted from the mother to the willing shoulders of one whose tender hand had brought healing in its touch to the sick child and comfort to the anxious heart of that mother, whose gratitude found expression in a wish to save others the anxiety she had suffered, and thus was founded the Holland Home for Nurses on the Riviera, where, in a comfortable home, the young nurses who leave London for their work among the winter resorts in the south of France can stay while not employed, and those desiring their services have but to apply there to secure at once the help needed.

"No words of mine can express the gratitude we feel toward these noble, self-sacrificing women who come to us in our sorrow and anxiety for loved ones. They are, indeed, like unto the ministering angels of God, bringing healing in their wings.

"Most cordially, then, I bid you welcome, thrice welcome. May your coming here be fraught with as many blessings to you as has the coming of your sisters been to those of us who in our need have had the comfort of having you abide with us, in our homes and in our hearts."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick stated in her address that the most pressing needs of nurses to-day to fit them for their onerous duties were preliminary education before entering the training school, post graduate teaching to keep them in the running, special instruction as teachers to fit them for the responsible positions of Sisters and Superintendents, a State constituted board to examine and maintain discipline in the ranks, and legal status to protect their professional rights, and to assure to them ample professional autonomy. Passing from the consideration of the theoretical and technical curriculum of nursing education, Mrs. Fenwick said, "A Nurse cannot live by learning alone. We must consider her fantasy and heart. The heart must be cultivated with as much assiduity as the understanding. True excellence of character is only acquired by self cultivation, by patient and unwearied endeavour, and it is founded on the conviction that intellectual attainments are those which can alone exalt the mind, that pure and virtuous feelings are those alone which can adorn it. To this end we would have nurses come into touch with all that is purest, wisest, and most potent for good in this beautiful world; to do which they must take their part in the civil and social movements of the time, realise the obligations of citizenship, and appreciate at their true value national and international events. They must live with others, not altogether for them."

Miss Louisa Stevenson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, delegate from the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, endorsed the suggestions made by Mrs. Fenwick, and urged that the public be made to understand trained nursing. She thought the best advancement could be obtained by adopting a minimum curriculum for nurses. She said the nurse is progressive, but should not be left to herself to become so, and should have the aid of endowed schools, colleges, and universities.

An address by Miss C. J. Wood was of unusual interest. She gave the history of nursing from the time when it was the employment of the out-cast and immoral to the present, when it is the occupation of the well-born and religious-minded woman. She urged reforms for the protection of the status of the profession. In conclusion, she said:

"As a means to this end we might seek to raise our ideals, to get out of the spirit of money-grubbing and muck-raking for excitement; we want to awaken the spirit of self-sacrifice and self-disci-

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