

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the morning of Friday, June 6th, the Conference re-assembled for the last time, when Miss Huxley, who presided, read a telegram from Miss Grace Tindall, President of the Association of Trained Nurses of India, expressing deep disappointment that she was detained by illness in London; and another from Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ball, sending best wishes for the success of the Conference, and their regrets that they could not attend the banquet of the previous night.

She then moved from the chair the following votes of thanks, which were carried by acclamation:

To the Lord Lieutenant, for attending the tableaux, opening the Vice-regal Gardens to any of the members of Congress who cared to go there, and for welcoming the Conference to Dublin—for this a very hearty vote of thanks was due to His Excellency.

To the Lord Mayor of Dublin, for so graciously lending the beautiful rooms at the Mansion House in which the banquet had been held; it was a very graceful act on his part.

To the College of Physicians and the College of Surgeons, for so generously placing their Halls at the disposal of the Conference, thus lending the Conference a certain amount of prestige, as the doctors had considered their meetings sufficiently important to give their Hall for the reading of their papers.

Miss Huxley also desired to express sympathy with Miss Reed and Miss Shuter, on the cause which had led to their inability to be present.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, after explaining the organization of the National Council of Trained Nurses, and the important position held in it by the Irish Nurses' Association, said she felt that every member of the Conference should realize the debt of gratitude they owed to it for the splendid way in which every section and everything connected with the Conference had been organized and carried out. The spirit of hospitality which prevailed was truly regal, and truly Irish. The high tone of the Conference had been thoroughly professional; and not only professional, but fearless; and they had had the great advantage of hearing the opinions expressed offered in the spirit of free speech. They, therefore, thanked the Irish Nurses' Association for the power of organization which they had displayed. They had an incomparable President, in Miss Huxley; and in their exhibition they had given a fine example of what they were capable of doing. To the various committees—exhibition, pageant, tableaux and hospitality—she offered thanks, and especially to their Hon. Secretary, Miss Carson Rae. Miss Haughton seconded the motion, which was carried with applause; and the Conference was over.

In the entrance hall of the College was a Literature Stall, and here again THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and other literature, were in evidence, and Miss Thurstan took charge of the literature of the National Union of Nurses.

THE EXHIBITION.

A Nursing Exhibition, organised by professional nurses, has always a great charm, and that in the Mills Hall, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, with Miss J. E. Hughes as Director-in-Chief, ready to give information on all points, and to meet all the exigencies incidental to such an undertaking with serenity and smiles, was a thing not to be missed.

PRIZES.

Of course, interest centred in the first instance in the prizes awarded by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Who had won them? What had won them?

NURSES' INVENTIONS.

First Prize (£2 2s.).—Awarded to Nurse Coxeter (Croydon) for the "Theta" Infants' Bottle Warmer. An Allenbury's bottle fits snugly into the warmer, which is for the purpose of re-warming the milk during the feeding of infants. The bottle is kept in place by a ring and spring attached to the tin, which is filled with boiling water and acts as a "jacket."

Second Prize (£1 1s.).—This was won by Miss Lyle (Dublin) for a cardboard clock of which the hands can easily be set to show the time at which a baby's next feed is due. It was a simple yet practical device.

NURSING HANDICRAFTS.

First Prize (£2 2s.).—This was won by the collection of splints by St. Bartholomew's Hospital nurses, and, indeed, Bart's splints are hard to beat for comfort and perfection of detail in padding. Some new celluloid splints were specially admired, and a "Thomas" came in for much admiration.

Second Prize (£1 1s.).—Labour Bed: Mother's nightgown, bed jacket, labour petticoat, Baby's Cot and Bedding, Baby's Basket complete, and Clothing. An exhibit sent by the League of St. John's House Nurses, arranged by Miss E. Walker, Miss Whait, and Miss Richardson.

NURSES' UNIFORMS.

First Prize (£2 2s.).—For a complete set of dolls dressed in the Nursing Uniform of any Irish Hospital. The Richmond Hospital (Sister Hazlett).

Second Prize (£1 1s.).—Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital (Sister McGee).

The Judges were Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Editor THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Miss Carson Rae (Hon. Secretary Conference Committee), Miss J. E. Hughes (Hon. Secretary Exhibition Committee). Amongst the interesting exhibits sent by trained nurses was a green sheet, used by some surgeons when operating at Elpis to cover the patient, to lessen the eye strain felt from a white one. This was designed and is prepared by Miss Thornton, Sister. Miss Thornton also designed a very practical ether stand, in which three different solutions can readily be handed at the same time to the surgeon who is doing the final skin preparation before operation.

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