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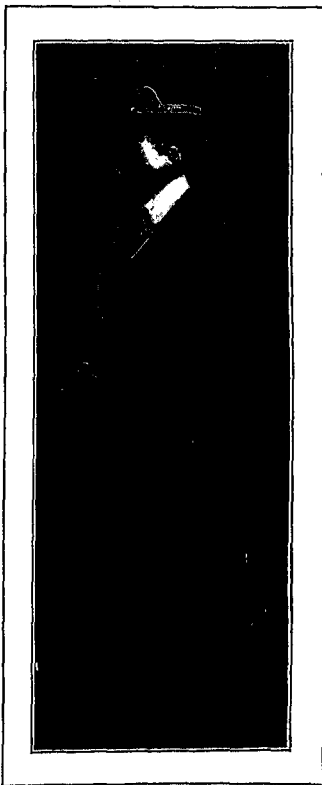
In the spring of the present year the National Union of Trained Nurses called together a small consultative Conference, which was held at the Offices of the Union, to consider how its organization could be made of the utmost use to the profession at large. One of the suggestions made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was that an open Conference should be held in the autumn. Everyone, of course, felt the difficulty of successfully arranging a Conference at a time when the demands on the nursing profession are so many. But the condition of nursing affairs was so critical that it seemed worth an effort to give the members of the profession the opportunity of free discussion and social intercourse. So in spite of the fact that the Chairman, and the Secretary, of the Union were engaged in war work abroad, Miss Evelyn L. C. Eden, the Hon. Secretary, and her colleague, Miss Rimmer, threw themselves into the task, with the result that on Friday and Saturday, November 16th and 17th, a most important and delightful Conference was held in the Drill Hall of the College of Ambulance, 3, Vere Street, London, W., by the courtesy and kindness of Colonel Cantlie.

From first to last, in point of numbers, in the interest and usefulness of the papers presented, in the good comradeship of the members, and in the courtesy extended to them by the authorities of various hospitals, which were opened for their inspection, the Conference was a complete success.

A small, but interesting exhibition, demonstrated, practically, new treatments for wounded men and other interesting items, and the proceedings concluded with a concert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, after the more serious work of the Conference.

The papers presented covered a wide field. Colonel Mayo Robson, out of his wide experience and knowledge, spoke on "Surgical Developments during the War"; Mr. A. Bacot, of the Lister Institute, dealt with the subject of "Pediculosis," so important in connection with our troops on foreign service; Mr. Evans Hughes with "War Savings." A paper of great interest and importance on the "Developments in Public Health Work" was presented by Dr. Thomas; Miss Norah March spoke charmingly on "The Health and Character Training of Children," and Major Marett Tims in a sympathetic lecture, dealt with "Heredity and the War." But the address, which stands out as *the* address of the Conference, and for which alone it would have been well worth while to convene it, was the one on "Professional Development and Organization" by the Honble. Albinia Brodrick, delivered with a force, sincerity and charm which held her hearers spell bound. It indeed forms a landmark in the history of the organization of the profession of nursing, and will remain its treasured possession.

The thanks of the profession at large are due to all those ladies whose combined knowledge and efforts organised, and conducted, this gathering of enthusiastic professional women.



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