

élever le niveau de l'éducation des gardes-malades —à la France, à l'humanité."

In the evening a lovely Fête was held in the beautiful grounds at Bagatelle, when Admiral Magruder and other warm friends of the Florence Nightingale School were delightfully entertained.

Thus ended an historic event for the nursing profession in France, from which will spring an ever beneficent influence on the standard of health of the people. The pupils are not only to be trained as nurses for the sick, but as guardian angels of means of prevention of disease. A great destiny, indeed, worth living for, and—worthy of death.

THE MEMORIAL MEDAL.

A very lovely bronze Medal has been struck to commemorate the great occasion, and was awarded to American visitors on June 5th (we feel greatly honoured by being included as a recipient—as an old friend of the Ecole Florence Nightingale in France—and as a Hon. Member of the American Nurses' Association). On one side is the Nightingale lamp and a shield with the inscription: "American Nurses' Memorial Ecole Florence Nightingale." On the reverse side: A young girl studying the theory of nursing, dated "5 Juin, 1921."

PRESENTATION TO DR. HAMILTON.

Before the distribution of the Medals the Trustees of the School presented Dr. Hamilton with a brooch in diamonds, the three Bordeaux Crescents. In presenting this gift full recognition was awarded to Dr. Hamilton for her inspiration in founding and financing the Nursing School. Of this recognition she writes: "You cannot imagine my surprise when all the Trustees sent for me and in the kindest words presented me with the lovely gift. . . ."

Of the whole beautiful day she writes: "It was like being *in heaven*, so beautiful it was like a dream, and yet it is all quite real, and I do feel happy."

Miss Grace Ellison, who was present, writes: "At last the Foundation Stone of the Florence Nightingale College is laid! Dr. Anna Hamilton's dream has now come to realisation! Those who have understood what a fight she has had to establish the School, what injustice has been done to her, what ingratitude she has had, what lack of consideration, what persecution, can congratulate her to-day. Only a person of her sterling worth could have stood like a rock whilst the storms raged around her, only a person with

her unending faith in her cause could ever have accomplished her task. . . . How impressive the ceremony must have been for her; how wonderful to see her life's work covered with success while she is still here."

Of the Fête she writes: "As many of the old nurses who could do so came to give a helping hand, and it was they who served the afternoon buffet and laid the table and waited on the 200 guests who dined in the garden at Bagatelle. They also gave us a charming theatrical and musical performance, all the costumes for which they had made themselves. . . . That very able and charming Mlle. Mignot is never nonplussed—she thought of everything and everybody. Not an American sailor was allowed to go back to his ship unfed—he was lavishly entertained—nor a French soldier, nor a guest; and the next day to make up for the fatigue of the day she was up earlier than ever! . . ."

"Bagatelle is an ideal spot for a Fête; it is now a little village in itself—glowing with a wealth of June roses, sweet peas and cut grass—on one side the Dispensary, newly built, a gift of the Rockefeller Foundation; on the other, the beautiful old home of Miss Elizabeth Bosc—the donor of Bagatelle—Dr. Hamilton's great friend and admirer. Every American organization together with the French Ministry was represented. I could not but regret that Great Britain, the home of Florence Nightingale, took no part in the ceremony—or subscribed to the funds, which at one time it was invited to do, for the erection of this Nursing School in honour of our great countrywoman. A great opportunity missed in the link of the Anglo-French *entente*. The absence of Britain was the one sad note in the whole harmonious ceremony."

We also deeply regret that the kind invitations received, both from the Governors of the Maison de Sante Protestante and the American Memorial Committee, to English Nurses to take part in this historic ceremony, could not be accepted. British nurses take this opportunity to offer their French and American colleagues their warmest felicitations on the happy event through THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

NOTICE TO R.B.N.A. MEMBERS.

The first work party for the Sale of Work for the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, on Monday, 20th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Nurses can bring work or make up provided material.



Medal struck to commemorate laying the Corner Stone of the American Nurses Memorial Ecole Florence Nightingale, at Bagatelle, Bordeaux.

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