

that the younger generation by whom it would be carried on would appreciate not only their privileges but their responsibilities.

MR. PATERSON then said he had an interesting announcement to make. He had been commanded by Her Royal Highness the President to ask Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to accept the Hon. Diploma of the Association, which was the highest honour it could confer.

He also asked Miss Donaldson to accept the Hon. Diploma. He hoped that later she would be sending many nurses from Glasgow to sit for the examination for the Diploma of the Corporation.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK expressed her appreciation of the honour conferred upon her by the President, who, in a most gracious letter, had invited her to accept the Diploma of Nursing of the Royal British Nurses' Association in recognition of her work for Nursing, and State Registration of Nurses. She would have great pleasure in conveying to Her Royal Highness the President her deep sense of gratitude for this kind recognition.

MISS DONALDSON also expressed her deep appreciation of the honour conferred upon her.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK then proposed the health of Professor Nutting, and in welcoming her, said her presence was the deepest honour. Professor Nutting was by birth a Canadian, though her work had been carried on in the United States of America, which had given such splendid opportunities to Canadian women. Miss Nutting had been trained at the Johns Hopkins' Hospital in Baltimore, and later was promoted to be Superintendent of its Nurse Training School. She now held the distinguished position of Professor of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. From all over the world nurses were going to Columbia University to take the Post-Graduate Course in Nursing there.

Turning to Professor Nutting, Mrs. Fenwick said "We welcome you here, dear Miss Nutting, with the greatest pleasure, and we look forward with anticipation to next year, when we hope you will take part with us, as you have promised, in an International Conference on Nursing Problems." The toast of Miss Nutting's health was then honoured with enthusiasm.

PROFESSOR NUTTING, in acknowledging the toast, expressed her pleasure at being present at this dinner in honour of Miss Donaldson. America owed a deep debt to English nursing—first to Miss Nightingale, and then because district nursing, school nursing, tuberculosis nursing had been inaugurated in England, as well as other special branches. They might have moved more rapidly in America—that was their way—but the original idea in every instance she had mentioned came from England.

One other debt she must own for American and Canadian nurses—the development at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary of Preliminary Training Schools, which they owed to Mrs. Strong. Some years ago she had spent a happy day with Miss Melrose, and was impressed with the excellent spirit in the

institution, the fine opportunities for training, and the educational standard of the nurses, which appeared to her unusually good. When she went through the wards there was a fresh, free, frank relationship evident between Miss Melrose and the nursing staff which was both spontaneous and pleasant.

Professor Nutting congratulated Miss Donaldson on going to a school where such traditions had been established. It was quite clear that she valued the work the pioneers had done.

In America they taught the students in their nursing schools, and at Teachers' College, nursing history, and what nursing owed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and other pioneers, and to know something of the difficult, painful efforts in the past, without which no good work was inaugurated.

She was sure had her American colleagues known of her presence at this dinner they would have sent their affectionate good wishes. They had followed with deep interest the work of their British colleagues through the war, and tried to help where they could.

They rejoiced also that English nurses, after spending forty years in the wilderness like Moses, had at length gained their Registration by the State. She had had the great pleasure of visiting the Headquarters of the General Nursing Council, where every little detail had been thought out with such affectionate tenderness, and could almost have wept that in America they were not able to show such a beautiful office, arranged for the work of Registered Nurses.

She rejoiced to think that war—all war—must now be over, and that together we should commence to discuss mutual problems. The greatest saying of the war was, she thought, that of Edith Cavell, when she said that "patriotism is not enough." It was not enough to be national, we had got to stretch our sympathy all over the world.

She would take back to America a picture of how sweet it was to see her fellow-workers at this gathering.

MR. PARKINSON, of the Board of Management of the London Temperance Hospital, expressed his pleasure at being present. He had not only learnt to respect and admire Miss Donaldson, but had found her a friend always to be relied upon. As a member of the Hospital Board he regarded it as his duty to do all he could to support the medical and nursing staffs in their work. The best work was always done in an atmosphere of sympathy.

MISS MAUDE MACCALLUM, in proposing the health of the Secretary of the Association, Miss Isabel Macdonald, spoke warmly of her work, and said that it was to women like her that the younger nurses owed much. They owed their beautiful Club, which should become the very core of the social work of the Nursing Profession, greatly to her energy.

The toast of Miss Macdonald, with whose name that of Miss Cutler was coupled, was then honoured.

MISS MACDONALD said it was the greatest joy to

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