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**EDITORIAL.**

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES.**

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., a most successful function was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, when the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland entertained to Dinner the six British Delegates chosen to attend the Meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen this week. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder and Hon. President, supported by Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, received the guests, as reported last week, and presided at the Dinner, and Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss A. Hulme were special guests. The Dinner was arranged in the beautiful front room with folding doors open to the fine dining-room, and the table was decorated with lovely mauve flowers and beautiful fruits. The menu of the dinner had been carefully arranged, and was exquisitely cooked and served. Soup *Printemps*, Scotch salmon, sauce *mousseline*, a salad, English lamb, mint sauce, and new potatoes, *chou-fleur au crème*, a most delectable trifle, savoury, ices, and coffee, fine pre-war *Baune* and lemonade, quite a little Banquet, which did immense credit to the *chef* of the Club. It was quite delightful to note how antiquated is the accusation that women "have no palates." The Delegates—Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss Muriel, Miss MacCallum, Miss J. C. Child (South Africa), and Miss Maud Lamb (India) (Miss Cutler could not be present)—at once got into touch in the true international spirit, and promised to convey to the Danish Council of Nurses and delegates from other countries all good wishes from Great Britain and Ireland.

Mrs. Fenwick expressed her deep regret at inability to attend a Council Meeting for the first time, owing to duty at home, and impressed upon the representatives how important it was that the younger members of the profession should now come forward and carry on the great civilising work of inter-

nationalism, and help forward social evolution on sound humanitarian lines, irrespective of class. She emphasised the fact that brain work and mental culture were as imperative for evolution as manual skill and physical health. Each delegate was presented with a copy of the last Report of the International Council, containing a copy of the Watchword—"Aspiration," under which the Council is still going forward—and together with credentials for presentation to the President, Mrs. Henny Tscherning, charming badges of red, white, and blue ribbon were presented to each. These badges, in the form of a dahlia, had been most beautifully made by Miss Anderson Parsons, to whom the warm thanks of the National Council are due.

After Dinner Mrs. Fenwick gave the toast of "The King," to the chorus of all present, "God Bless Him." Miss Pearse, in a few felicitous words, reminded the company that the following day, the 18th May, was the anniversary of the opening of their beautiful Club by the President, Princess Christian, and "Many happy returns of the day" was the toast. Miss Pearse also proposed that those present should return the compliment by inviting Mrs. Fenwick to dinner on their return from Denmark to tell her all their doings. This kind invitation was gratefully accepted.

Before leaving the table Mrs. Fenwick asked Miss Macdonald to convey to the *cordons bleus* of the Club their great appreciation of the lovely dinner she had prepared for them, which was superior to any dinner she had enjoyed in any Woman's Club, and to the trim maids for serving it so daintily.

On the following day the delegates, with the exception of Miss MacCallum, were wished God-speed at Liverpool Street, the latter, with her well-known sense of public duty, electing to travel alone on Saturday so as to attend the Meeting of the General Nursing Council on the 19th inst. This resulted in Miss MacCallum having a "send-off" all on her lone. As we go to press the three days' Conference at Copenhagen is drawing to a close, an account of which we hope may reach us at an early date.

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