

present day. As the years go on one's attitude changes, and the attitude of House Physician to the Nurses is not quite the same as that of Assistant Physician. The attitude of the Assistant Physician to the Nurses is not the same as that of the Chief, and the Senior Physician is different from that of the Junior Physician, but whatever the position held, the point of view remains always favourable to the Nurses. In the name of the Chiefs he wished to express their appreciation for the work of the Nurses in the wards for their loyalty to their own wards and their devotion to the patients. The life of a nurse was a very arduous one, the hours were long and the work exhausting, but looking at the other side of the picture, there was no profession that had more to offer a woman with a stout heart and a desire to lead a life of service.

SISTER McMILLAN replied: I have much pleasure in replying to Professor Hunter's Toast. I regret that Miss Williamson, who was to have had this pleasure, is unable to be with us to-night, owing to illness. I am afraid I regret it in more ways than one, as I rather fear I make a very poor substitute. It has been extremely kind of Professor Hunter to have said all these nice things about us—most encouraging and sustaining. We present Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses fully realise the responsibility which has been handed down to us by our splendid nurses of the past. We understand and appreciate the improved conditions under which we work in these days, compared with the nursing conditions of twenty or even ten years ago; but although times have changed and our profession has advanced considerably with the times, yet our ideals and our sentiments are just the same. I wish, therefore, on behalf of the present Staff, to thank Professor Hunter for his kind remarks, and I hope—in fact I feel sure we will prove ourselves worthy of them, and be a credit both to our Matron and our splendid Training School.

Our Distinguished Guests.

MISS DONALDSON, in proposing the toast, said the Nursing Staff did not look upon the Chairman, the Chairman of the House Committee, the members of the Board of Management, and the members of the Medical Staff, as guests. However, she thanked them all, in the name of the Nurses past and present, for being present, and also she assured them how much they appreciated the interest shown in the Reunion. Dr. Macfarlane's interest in all that pertained to the well-being of the Nursing Staff was well known to them all, and she added, with real sincerity, that she felt no nursing staff in the United Kingdom worked under better conditions than the Staff of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. They owed that to the unceasing interest of Dr. Macfarlane and the other members of the Board of Management. The ladies visited every part of the hospital, and particularly the Nurses' Home, to see that no efforts are spared that the Nurses may have a restful time in the Home when their work in the wards is over. The grateful thanks of the Staff she offered to the

Managers for these kindnesses, and she was sure that the Nursing Staff, on their part, would endeavour to carry out the work to the best of their ability, and be not eye-servants or ready to quit duty the moment the hour struck. Miss Donaldson, continuing, spoke of the pleasure felt by all in the presence of Mrs. Strong amongst them as chairman—doyenne of Matrons, as she described her. She it was who set the example of what the training of nurses should be, an example followed by every Training School in our country to-day. Then Miss Donaldson proceeded to thank Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for having come all the way from London to show her interest and to take part in the Reunion. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, she continued, might be looked upon to-day as the intellect of the Nursing Profession, one of those pioneers who has revolutionised the whole Nursing Profession.

Mrs. Fenwick's Speech.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, in replying to the Toast, said how happy she was, and how much at home she felt amongst her own people, for though she had spent her working life in England she was a Scottish woman by birth. A speaker had said "young men see visions and old men dream dreams," women had also seen visions where nursing was concerned. In youth she had seen visions, and to-night one of her dreams had come true.

MRS. FENWICK said she had been closely associated with the Nursing Profession for forty-three years, and the pioneers of Nursing Organisation had lived to see their noble vocation firmly established as a Profession by Acts of Parliament when the Nurses' Registration Acts became law in 1919.

MRS. FENWICK then spoke of the benefit to Nursing Schools, and to pupils, of the *esprit de corps* fostered amongst graduates by the formation of Leagues of Nurses, through which each successive class of nurses trained at the same school, could keep in touch with one another for professional and social intercourse.

The first League of Nurses was formed by St. Bartholomew's Hospital nurses twenty years ago; it now had a membership of upwards of 1,000 members. Other English hospitals had followed St. Bartholomew's, but the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was the first great League in Scotland, and would no doubt keep the lead.

In listening to the delightful speeches which had preceded her own, Mrs. Fenwick said the danger of too much mutual admiration—(laughter)—had been foreseen, so it had been provided that the Leagues should be able to associate in the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland—formed of delegates from Leagues throughout the country. Thus, in this Council the representatives of various Leagues met together on equal terms and extended their sympathies and outlook.

To still further extend professional association, in the year 1899 she had founded the International Council of Nurses, and to-day the National Councils of Nurses in all the King's Dominions overseas (with the exception of Australia) and the Indian Empire, the great Republic of the United States of

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