

on them, and to spare no pains to carry out that trust to complete fruition, will, we feel, animate every worthy Member of the Nursing Profession."*

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

It was a great pleasure to the Members of the Club to receive a visit from three great pioneer nurses from the East—Miss Gladys Stephenson and the Misses Cora and Mabel Simpson. The two former came from China, while Miss Mabel Simpson has been working in India. Those of us who attended the International Congress of Nurses in Helsingfors, made the acquaintance of Miss Cora Simpson there, and, when the news of her probable arrival in England reached us, we very soon let her friends of the "International" in England know that we were to have the pleasure of welcoming her at Queen's Gate. We also informed Her Royal Highness, the President, of the arrival of these International visitors and Her Royal Highness graciously intimated that she would come to Queen's Gate to meet them on May 3rd. We sent a very hurried invitation to the delegates on the National Council of Nurses who are resident in London, and we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of them on the 3rd.

Her Royal Highness was received in the Council Chamber by the following:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Founder of the International Council of Nurses; the Matrons-in-Chief of the Army and the Air Force Nursing Services; Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Miss Carson-Rae; Miss Elma Smith; Miss A. Cattell, Hon. Nurse Secretary, R.B.N.A.; Miss Nicholson and others. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presented to Her Royal Highness Miss Stephenson and the Misses Simpson, who offered to the Princess a lovely bouquet of yellow iris and crimson carnations tied with red and yellow ribbons—the National colours of China, symbolical of health and happiness. On a card attached to the bouquet was the name of the Nurses' Association of China in Chinese characters, and the following inscription:—"To H.R.H. The Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, with greetings from the Nurses' Association of China." On being presented, the Representatives of the N.A.C. made the Chinese kow-tow to the President. The Princess signed a beautiful photograph of herself, which the Royal British Nurses' Association has asked Miss Stephenson to convey to the Nurses' Association of China with greetings and good wishes. Miss Stephenson asks us to inform the Members that this photograph shall have a place of honour in the Headquarters of the N.A.C. and will be regarded always as an emblem of friendship between nurses of the East and the West.

During tea in the drawing room, Her Royal Highness conversed with our guests, asking many questions about nursing affairs in the East, about the methods of training there, the work of the male nurses, the difficulties to be encountered, and greatly charmed our guests by her keen interest and obvious pleasure in meeting them. Miss Stephenson told the Princess of how it had helped her in the East when the announcement appeared in the JOURNAL that Her Royal Highness had accepted the Presidency of the R.B.N.A. In this announcement, reference was made to the fact that the Princess was a Registered Nurse. In China nursing was "very young," was held in small esteem as an occupation, not to say a profession, and was almost a despised calling indeed. When the Chinese were told that a Member of the English Royal House had qualified in nursing, this gave a great impulse onwards, and many were the demands for "a loan of the B.J.N." to prove the report to be true.

Members of the National Council and others enjoyed very much welcoming to an English gathering those pioneer nurses who have done much for the evolution of nursing in far off lands and much to foster the spirit of internationalism in the Nursing World. Many were the hopes expressed that "our next merry meeting might be in Pekin in 1929."

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

R.B.N.A. Acquisitors.

A new development of the House Beautiful Fund is a China Collection. Over a cup of tea the idea of this latest enterprise originated, and already one of the cupboards in the drawing-room presents a very fascinating show.

It has been decided to embark, first, on a collection of "Old English Blue and White Pottery," and we have received from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick two fine Clewes and two very lovely Rogers Plates. Miss Swaby-Smith has given a delightful Shorthose plate, and from Miss Giffen there has been added a pretty Spode mug. Miss Macdonald has given two Dawson plates with perforated edges, and from Miss Maude MacCallum is a "little remembrance of much kindness shown to me by Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association in my long illness"; this "remembrance" takes the shape of an exquisite and very precious old blue cup and saucer.

The pleasure in such a Collection does not end with adding one and yet another piece of China to our collection; we have had several delightful rambles with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick into many an old curio shop, as she has been most kind in helping us to choose what are really genuine and beautiful pieces.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

The half-yearly Report from the South Australian Branch has just reached us. The new Headquarters has been redecorated and the Club and other activities of the Branch Association have been continued. There have been many calls upon the Private Staff during the year. The Committee report with deep regret the deaths of Dr. Hamilton, Sister Stacey and Mrs. Dridan. Many of the members have secured good appointments in the course of the last six months. During the year Miss Penrose, the very able Secretary of the Branch, resigned her position, and at the half-yearly Meeting the following resolution was passed:—

"The Committee wish to place on record their deep appreciation of the work done by Miss Penrose during her term of Office. Much credit is due Miss Penrose for carrying on and keeping the Home together during the War period. We wish her every success in the future."

We unite with the Branch in offering to Miss Penrose our sincere thanks for all her good work for the R.B.N.A., and, incidentally, for the cause of State Registration in South Australia.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

"Enter Mrs. Borridge."

Owing to the National Strike, it became necessary to postpone the dramatic performance fixed for May 26th, and H.R.H. The Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., graciously consented to be present on Monday, June 7th, at 8 p.m., when the Association will present "Enter Mrs. Borridge." We ask those who are likely to be able to attend to apply for their tickets at the earliest possible date, as a good deal of consideration has to be given to seating arrangements. These tickets can be obtained at the Offices of the Association at the cost of 8s., 5s. 9d., and 3s. (inclusive of Tax).

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