

Reformation—John Calvin, John Knox, Bèze Farel, Henry of Navarre, Oliver Cromwell, and other liberty-loving celebrities who made history in the 16th century.

The Genevese are a liberty-loving people, a quality which has come down to them from their forebears, who made strenuous efforts to preserve their freedom: it is a quality which commands the admiration of all in the van of progress, including trained nurses, to whom the atmosphere of this cradle of liberty was most congenial.

An institution in Geneva of special interest to nurses is the International Committee of the Red Cross. As all the civilised world knows, it owes its inception to Henri Dunant, a Swiss gentleman, whose compassionate heart was so moved by the condition and needless suffering of the wounded on the battlefield of Solferino, which, as a traveller in Italy, he visited the day after the battle, that he never rested until the Geneva Convention of 1864 was adopted, providing for the neutrality of ambulances and hospitals, and their supplies, equipment and personnel.

THE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition was open throughout the week in the Salle Centrale on the first floor, and was visited by many of the Conference Members, who found much of interest.

In the Public Health Section the National Organisation of Public Health Nurses, 370, Seventh Avenue, New York, was well to the fore. There were pamphlets sent by the American Nurses' Association. Records from the Medical Department of the Navy (U.S.A.), from Yale University, and Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada also sent interesting exhibits, and there were photographs, and in some instances records, from Armenia, Bulgaria, Corea, Greece, Haiti, Honolulu, Poland and Turkey. The Œuvres des Amis de l'Enfance, Geneva, were also represented.

Amongst literature THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as the official organ of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, was conspicuous, and with it copies of the Constitution of the Council.

Miss Child. Miss Stephenson. Miss Reeves. Miss Kehrer. Frau Lübben. Miss Moe. Miss Nagorska. Mrs. Neuman-Rahn. Mlle. Chaptal.



Miss Musson. Miss Reimann. Miss Gago. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Miss Noyes. Miss Funding. Miss Shaw. Miss Clayton. Miss Pachedjeva. Mlle. Parmentier.

and the adoption of a flag, badge, and uniform, to distinguish and protect them.

Headquarters.

On the afternoon of Sunday, July 24th, a visit to Miss Reimann at Headquarters, at the Place du Lac, revealed how much organising work has been accomplished in the present offices, which consist of a large room overlooking the lake, with a smaller one attached. Here are records, files, international organs, and evidence of many activities, and, on the walls, photographs of the Founder, Foundation Members, the President, and past Presidents of the I.C.N., as well as of the affiliated National Organisations, a collection which will increase in interest and value as time goes on.

Headquarters, are, however to be moved shortly to 14 Quai des Eaux Vives, overlooking the lake, and close to the lovely "English garden," where a flat has been found more convenient for the purposes of the Council, the work of which is extending by leaps and bounds.

An interesting Exhibit, arranged by the Sister Tutor Section of College of Nursing, Ltd., included the work of Student Nurses. From the Royal Infirmary, Salop, came an ingenious model of a heart, made in coloured cloths, which opened to show the connection of the main blood-vessels, the cavities, the valves, etc. The model of an eye in wax, from the same institution was also very creditable.

Wall charts and models went to the making of this Section, and Miss D. Coode, Assistant Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, presided over an array of trays set out to show "A Square Meal" appetisingly served and the food value represented on each tray.

A large collection of dolls in many different uniforms and habits was sent by the École Professionnelle d'Assistance aux Malades, of 10, Rue Amyot, Paris. The Association d'Hygiène Sociale de l'Aisne, was also represented. The Commemorative Medal of the Edith Cavell and Maria Depage Nursing School, Brussels, was an exhibit of much interest. The Spanish Red Cross also sent an interesting collection of photographs. The South African Trained Nurses' Association sent an excellent group of dolls in the uniform of the Provincial Hospitals and other exhibits.

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