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déléguant, pour représenter le Secrétariat dans votre Congres, une de nos fonctionnaires les plus distinguées, Dame Rachel Crowdy, qui avant de dédier son intelligence à la Société des Nations, a consacré aux malheureux blessés, comme Directrice des Infirmières volontaires, son activité généreuse.

J'ajouterai que, personnellement, j'ai voulu, moi aussi, me rendre compte de vos travaux, en venant prendre partà quelques unes de vos séances, et j'ai été très heureux de voir ma femme, au milieu de vous, dans le groupe des infirmières de la Croix Rouge Italienne.

Permettez-moi d'adresser, au nom du Secrétariat de la Société des Nations, et en mon nom personnel, les plus sincères félicitations à Madame la Présidente et à ses très distinguées collaboratrices pour le noble travail entrepris, qui fait prévoir des maintenant, le succès de votre Congrès.

C'est la première fois que la Société des Nations jouit de votre présence : laissez-moi vous dire que nous espérons vous y revoir de nouveau, afin de nous pousser, par votre exemple, à donner, comme vous, notre intelligence et notre travail, pour le bien de l'humanité.

We were then conducted round the Palace, and saw the vast amount of work going on in this building, all directed to promote the establishment of permanent peace based on social justice.

After the Chair had offered a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Sanders for his interesting address, we were taken round the fine building which is a hive of industry, and which has received some beautiful gifts from different countries which merit detailed description.

THE BOAT RIDE.

In the afternoon, the Members of the Conference made the tour of the Lake as far as Lausanne by steamboat. It was a perfect day for the expedition, and the colouring both of the Lake, serene and blue, and of the surrounding coast line and mountains were surely at their loveliest.

An account of the visit to Dr. Rollier's Clinique at Leysin is of necessity deferred to our next issue.

INFORMAL PRIVATE PARTIES.

Delightful amongst the social functions were the impromptu and informal private parties.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick entertained the International Officers and other prominent members of the Conference at a charming *al fresco* dinner at the



A FEW OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING GROUP IN THE GARDEN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, GENEVA.

to the one object of promoting the peace of the world. We saw historic rooms where International Congresses of supreme importance have taken or are taking place, the Glass Room of the Secretariat of which one has so often read, the largest Conference Room in the building where all the large meetings take place, except that of the Assembly which meets in the Reformation Hall in the town.

It was interesting to hear that at Sessions of the Council a large number of seats are reserved for members of the press, for "the world's press must be served first," then 40 or 50 members of the general public may be accommodated.

VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

On Saturday morning, by invitation, we visited the International Labour Office, close to the League of Nations, of which it is a definite though self-governing part—a large building situated in lovely grounds, where we were received by Mr. W. Sanders. We divided into parties, and Mrs. Fenwick took the chair in the open air while Mr. Sanders, after expressing the regret of the Director, who was away on holiday, at being unable to receive the International Council of Nurses personally, gave an interesting description of the aims and accomplishments of the International Labour Organisation created in 1919 Restaurant du Nord, overlooking the lake, having the President, Miss Nina D. Gage on her right, Miss Clara D. Noyes, First Vice-President, on her left, and Miss F. Madeline Shaw, President of the Canadian Nurses Association, opposite. Miss J. C. Child, representative of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and Miss Helen Pearse, Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, also joined the party. It was a very gay little dinner, at which the officers of the Council had an opportunity of getting into personal touch with one another.

On Friday, between the morning and afternoon Sessions of the Conference, Miss Clayton, Miss Noyes and other of our American friends gave a delightful luncheon party at the same restaurant, and on Saturday Miss Gill, Miss Cox-Davies and Miss Musson were the hostesses at a charming luncheon at the Hotel Richemont, when the invited guests included the Founder of the Council, and other English, Canadian, and American friends. The decoration of the table with a wealth of crimson dahlias was very lovely.

M. Ador, the honoured President of the International Committee of the Red Cross gave a luncheon party, which included Miss Gage and Miss Noyes, at the same time. As she could not be in two places at once, Mrs. Fenwick was regretfully unable to accept the invitation.



