

The outdoor uniform had a coat of weathered serge with a detachable lining, a dress of washing material, and soft collars.

If a Public Health Nurse wore a uniform it put her at once into right relations with the patient. It inspired confidence and respect and the nurse started work with a feeling in her favour.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C. (Great Britain) made the practical suggestion, seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which we have already reported, that the Board of Directors should be invited to work out a scheme for the interchange of nurses in countries where there were Associations of Nurses affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, and this was approved.

Mme. la Marquise de Valdeiglesias delivered a message of greeting and goodwill from Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, and from the Spanish Red Cross Society.

The closing address was given by Mrs. Strong (Great Britain) who asked her old friends to excuse an old woman if she was prosy as she was generally asleep at that time. She felt that afternoon that she had been standing on holy ground when visiting that beautiful building where the Nations were seeking the peace of the world.

Referring to the progress being made in the Nursing World she illustrated this by saying that when in 1891 the Preliminary Training was launched in connection with the Royal Infirmiry, Glasgow, of which she was at that time Matron, she wrote to many Matrons and received two answers. One wrote that she

thought it would produce a pseudo-scientific nurse, and the second that she did not have that education herself, and she did not think it was wanted.

Nursing was natural to women, but it also required a professional education, but intuition could never be taught, and it was personality which ensured success, the finer the character the finer the nurse. In 1879, when she went to the Royal Infirmiry, Glasgow, she found there one of the noblest of God's creatures.

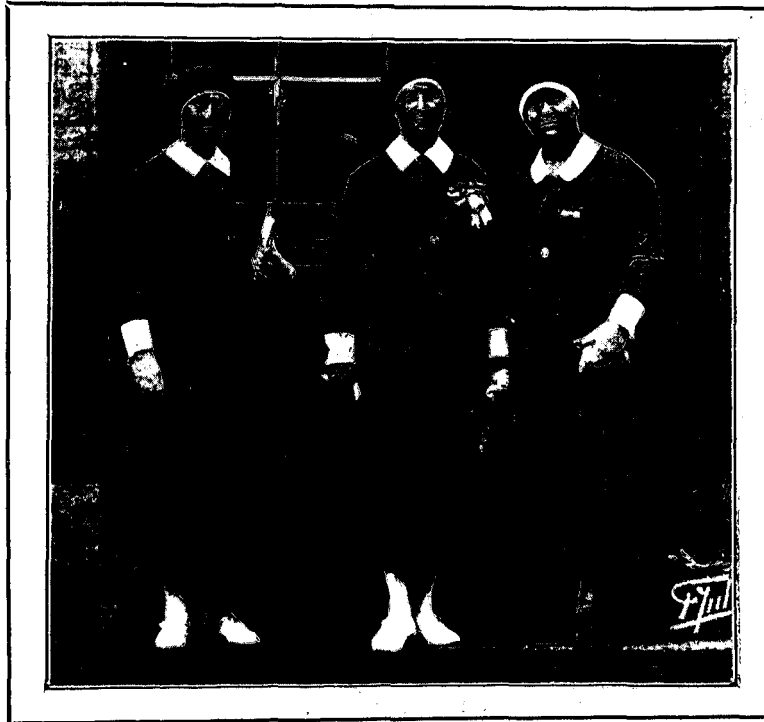
Mrs. Strong concluded by saying that she was now standing apart from active service, like a sentinel upon a watch tower, and her sympathies went out to the young nurses. No doubt there were improvements as to hours and recreation, but she thought the nurses of the present day worked just as hard as their predecessors as they had to give so much time and study. She wished the members of the Conference every success, and concluded by expressing the hope

that she would meet them again in Canada in 1929.

The Conference was drawing to a close, but still there were Resolutions of Thanks to pass to many kind friends whom we had made during the week.

Then Mile. Chaptal who was a wonderful Chairman, in closing the Conference addressed in the name of all present an expression of their gratitude to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. They all knew that she had founded the International Council of Nurses, but now that they had her with them in the room they would thank her for it.

Mrs. Fenwick had for many years struggled courageously, and never wearied, of defending the liberties and rights of Nurses, and at last had created this living International Council,



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