

OUR COLLEAGUES FROM CANADA.

It is of special interest just now, when the thoughts of the nurses of the world are turned to Canada and to the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal next year, that two of our Canadian colleagues, both Fellows of the British College of Nurses, should have come to this country, and, through its good offices, should be put into communication with authorities who can afford them the special experience they desire to obtain. These ladies are:

Miss Pearl Lucinda Morrison, F.B.C.N., who is the Superintendent of the Hospital and Nurse Training School at the McKellar General Hospital, Fort William, Ontario, Canada, a post she has held since October, 1923. She is a Registered Nurse, both in Ontario and Saskatchewan, and has had a diversity of experience, including that of Military Nursing Overseas, in connection with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, during the Great War. She is a member of the Registration Examining Board for Ontario.

Miss Minnie Ethel Misner, F. B. C. N., whose portrait appears on this page, and who at present holds the position of Supervisor of School Nurses under the Ontario Government Department of Health, was trained at the Toronto Western Hospital, graduating in 1908. She subsequently worked as a School Nurse, and also as Night Supervisor at the Toronto Western Hospital. During the War she worked Overseas in connection with the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Since her return to Canada she has worked under the Ontario Government Department of Health, having held her present post as Supervisor of School Nurses for the past two-and-a-half years.

It is therefore of special interest and advantage to her to obtain an insight into the diversified work of the London County Council School Nurses, and into the administrative work of the Service under the direction of the Superintendent, Miss Helen Pearse, F.B.C.N., as well as into other Public Health work.

Both ladies have had their days well filled since they arrived here, and have had some very interesting invitations and experiences.

On Saturday, February 25th, they were kindly afforded the opportunity of attending the Reception given by the Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and the four Principal Matrons of the T.F.N.S. London General Hospitals in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which they greatly admired, and much appreciated the opportunity of meeting so many distinguished nurses,

including the Matron of the Hospital, Miss Helen Dey, whom they recognised at once through having seen her portrait in this Journal.

On Monday, February 27th, they attended the ceremony of Obligation at the British College of Nurses, and were received by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Members of the Council, who, in recognition of the attendance for the first time on a ceremonial occasion of Overseas Fellows, wore their Robes of office, making quite an imposing array.

Miss Misner, who had not been obligated, took the Obligation in their presence, and signed the College Roll.

On Tuesday they again attended at the House of the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W., and listened to the Lecture given by Dr. Forsythe, on Psychological Nursing, and afterwards met the Lecturer, and Members of the Council, and on Wednesday they had the opportunity of being present in the Committee Room at the Privy Council Office, when the Petition of the College of Nursing, Ltd., for the grant of a Royal Charter was under consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council.

Such an event in relation to Nursing affairs is exceedingly rare, and one at which very few nurses in this country have been present. Our Canadian colleagues were therefore extremely fortunate in being present on such an interesting occasion, to see for themselves the legal procedure, when an Appeal of this nature is being made.

The interesting pictures on page 63 show first the McKellar General Hospital, Fort William, where Miss Morrison is the Superintendent, both of the Hospital and Training School. The Hospital, we learn from *The Iridos*—a magazine published annually for the last two years, by the graduating class of McKellar Hospital Nurses—was first opened in June, 1903, and the Training School for Nurses a year later.

Miss Morrison was appointed Superintendent in 1923, her appointment coinciding with the advent of Provincial Registration in Ontario. Nurse education had previously to this been a matter of decision by each local hospital, and unfortunately oftentimes a secondary consideration to the hospital. Provincial Registration, and control of nurse education, now gives every pupil in a standardised school a fair opportunity with other nurses in the Province, and not only has McKellar Hospital been acknowledged as a Class A Hospital, but it has also attained a first place in the Ontario Hospital Training School for Nurses.

In Canada Graduation Day is made an impressive feature, an occasion which is remembered by nurses throughout



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