

generous gift of flowers, and her very tasteful decoration of the College on the Annual Meeting Day.

(2) To Mrs. Temple for her offer to give a suitable showcase for the beautiful Book of Remembrance.

(3) To Miss Winmill for her handsome gift of Dr. Norman Moore's History of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

(4) To Miss Macaulay for Prize for First Place in examination in Advanced Psychology, and to Miss M. Welch for financial support to the History of Nursing Section.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Education Committee was held at 39, Portland Place, W., on Tuesday, July 29th, at 4 p.m. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., was in the Chair.

#### Application for Grants.

Applications for Grants were considered. Three Grants of £35 each were awarded for Midwifery training.

Two grants for a Health Visitors' Course of £25 were awarded.

It was agreed to notify through the Journal that applications may be sent to the Secretary for grants of £4 4s., to attend the Autumn Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases, at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, Endsleigh Gardens, also two grants for a Course in Hospital House-keeping are still available. These applications should be sent to the Secretary by 15th September, 1930. Other business having been transacted the meeting terminated.

#### THE CLUB ROOM.

The Club Room at 39, Portland Place will be closed during August for necessary reconstruction of outside wall, but the College will be open for inspection as usual.

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT BEDFORD COLLEGE.

A very interesting annual function at Bedford College (University of London), Regent's Park, N.W., is the Presentation of Certificates to the students completing the International Courses organised by the League of Red Cross Societies in conjunction with the College of Nursing, which this year took place on July 11th.

Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., presided, and addresses were given by Lady Symons, Delegate for the Indian Red Cross, and President of the Nurses' Association of India, and Miss J. E. M. Jebb, M.A. Cantab., who has succeeded Miss Tuke as Principal of Bedford College.

Lady Symons spoke of the great opportunities for health work in India, and said that she considered the ideal health visitor was a trained nurse who was also a midwife. She reminded the students that when they returned to their own countries theirs would be pioneer work, and they might often be discouraged. Some of them were going as heads of departments, and she advised them to be just and firm in their decisions. She assured them that their work would have an enormous influence for good, and wished them every success in it.

Miss Jebb said what a pleasure it was to her to welcome those taking part in the proceedings. When she became Principal of Bedford College this International Course was a piece of work which she found most interesting. To have students from so many different countries was an enrichment to the College, as every country had a contribution to make. She referred also to the enterprise of the students in coming so far to study and take examinations in a foreign language. It remained to wish them all possible success.

The French Ambassador in a brief speech said that he did not know what his qualification for speaking was,

unless it was that thirty-six years ago he had the intense pleasure of paying a visit to Florence Nightingale, who told him that she had seen many things in French hospitals which she could not have seen in England.

The certificates were presented to the successful students by Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P., Minister of Labour, who said it must be fascinating and romantic for nurses to meet from so many different angles, and the international friendships formed would be of lifelong value. She was exceedingly glad to have the pleasure and honour of presenting these certificates. The students who completed the Public Health Course were: Elsa Alfhild Aberg, Finland; Cecilia Burgess, India; Yvonne Denoel, France; Kathleen W. Ellis, Canada; E. Frances Horn, South Africa; Elly Kurrik, Estonia; Maria I Mandl, Austria; Joyce E. Nobes, Great Britain; Berta Heuer y Ritter, Mexico; Agnes Thorotzkai, Hungary; Grace Trench, Great Britain.

Those who completed the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers were: Lilette Koléa, Greece; Marie Nicolova, Bulgaria; Ada Florence Sharp, Great Britain; Marja Stencel, Poland; Kasimiera Vitkauskaité, Lithuania.

A vote of thanks to Sir Arthur Stanley, the speakers, to the Principal of Bedford College, to the Minister of Labour, and to all the kind friends gathered together that day, were proposed in a felicitous speech by Countess Agnes Thorotzkai (Hungary) who said that the students had spent a delightful year in England, and gained much knowledge and information. That day marked the goal of much effort and much hope, and the certificate they had received was the symbol of their profession.

This was seconded by Miss Joyce E. Nobes, S.R.N. (Great Britain) and those present were then entertained at a reception in the Great Hall, where happy parties foregathered, many of whom would soon be scattered far and wide to put into practice the teaching they had received during their Bedford College Course.

### NIGHTINGALEIANA.

We learn that an interesting ceremony in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the death of Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., will take place on August 13th at the Nightingale grave in the churchyard of East Wellow, as related in the *Los Angeles Times*.

The ceremony is being organized by the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honourables, which was founded in Los Angeles two years ago by Miss Georgia Bryton, and of which Mr. Perry W. Weldner is President. Miss Clara Jones, R.N., a Los Angeles nurse, who will place the wreath on the grave, proposes first to visit Paris, where she will pay her own and the Institute's respects to the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in whose hospital Miss Nightingale gained practical experience in nursing. She will then go on to Florence, and hopes to be permitted to place flowers in the room in which Miss Nightingale was born in the Villa Columbaia on May 12th, 1820.

The wreath is the largest memorial wreath ever made in Los Angeles. Its base is magnolia leaves and interspersed are fifty-five silvered leaves, each of which represents one of the forty-eight States of the Union and the seven extra-continental possessions. The silvered leaves were added by consent of the Governors of the States and possessions, to testify the love of their peoples for Florence Nightingale. A red rose, surmounted by a silk American flag, represents the nation's capital, the District of Columbia. A white rose, framed in a silk Red Cross emblem, represents the nurses of America.

Hundreds of persons have viewed the wreath at the Good Samaritan Hospital, and it was on display at all services in St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, on July 13th.

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