

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES GREETSTHE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Mlle. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses, President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, and Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, who is now in England, gave the greatest pleasure by accepting the invitation of the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to meet the Officers, Presidents of the National Associations, and others interested in International Nursing affairs, to dine at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, on May 21st.

The President received Mlle. Chaptal on her arrival, and handed to her a sheaf of crimson roses. As each guest arrived Mrs. Fenwick introduced her to the International President; some had already met her at professional functions, and others now had the privilege for the first time.

The dinner table had been beautifully decorated with glowing crimson tulips, and dainty menus were before each guest.

Mrs. Fenwick presided; on her right was the Guest of Honour, Mlle. Chaptal; on her left Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., President of the South African Trained Nurses Association. The guests included Miss M. Huxley, M.A., whose presence as a Foundation Member of the Council (Councillor) was specially appreciated, as she was present at the Foundation of the Council in London in July, 1899.

Miss M. Breay, a Foundation Member of the I.C.N. and its Hon. Treasurer from 1904-1925, was also present.

Other guests were Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Hon. Treasurer, International Council of Nurses; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., President of the Nightingale Fellowship. Vice-Presidents, Miss A. M. Bushby Director; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., President of the College of Nursing; Miss E. T. Bickerton, R.R.C., President of the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, Nurses' League; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Isabel Macdonald, President, the League of Private Nurses; Miss L. G. Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., President, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons Association; Miss D. K. Graham, President, League of Sister Tutors; Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., who has served, and Miss D. N. Smith, who is serving, on the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations; Miss M. Rundle, R.R.C., Secretary of the College of Nursing, and Miss A. Stewart

Bryson, Secretary of the British College of Nurses, both organisations whose members are interested in the I.C.N.; and Miss N. L. Dorsey, Sister in Charge of the Home for International Students at 15, Manchester Square, W.

The Dinner was voted a great success, and the happy comradeship of those present was very evident.

Mrs. Fenwick, from the chair, welcomed the Guest of Honour, and proposed the toast of the evening. She reminded her audience of the great service Mlle. Chaptal rendered to the International Council of Nurses when she and the late Miss Isla Stewart went to Paris in 1907 to arrange for an Interim Conference of the I.C.N. They knew few in public life, but, owing to the kind offices of Mlle. Chaptal, who went with them to call on the Director-General of the Assistance Publique, they obtained everything they asked for, and a very brilliant Interim Conference in Paris was the result.

Mlle. Chaptal expressed her pleasure at meeting so many friends, and said she was needing all the help she could get in connection with the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Paris in 1933. She wanted quite specially to drink the health of the Chairman, with whom she had been associated for so many years.

An adjournment was then made to the lounge, where coffee was served, and an opportunity afforded for intimate conversation with Mlle. Chaptal, as small groups of those present gathered together.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Meeting of the Board of Directors.

We learn it is probable that with few exceptions the National Associations of Nurses federated in the International Council will be represented at the Meeting of the Board of Directors in Geneva, to be held from June 29th to July 1st inclusive. We hear of social functions to be arranged—so it will not be all work and no play—and indeed, the reunion with old friends is a pleasure to which we all eagerly look forward. Mlle. Chaptal, our International President, is well on with proposed arrangements for the Paris-Brussels Congress in 1933, which foreshadow a splendid meeting; indeed, the ambition of European nurses is to equal the great gathering at Montreal in 1929—and that will give us plenty to do. Anyway, Britain will be there!

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick leaves London for Geneva on June 26th, accompanied by Miss Isabel Macdonald, and it is hoped that Mlle. Chaptal will travel with them from Paris on the following day.

Miss E. M. Musson and Miss Abram (India) leave London



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