

The training of women of the country as nurses is being extended by many of the Colonial Governments, and during this year a girl of European parentage, who had received some training locally, came to England from the Falkland Islands to undergo a three years' training at one of the big London hospitals. The Committee of the Association were able to arrange for her acceptance there and were pleased to hear that she came out first in the preliminary examination.

The growing influence of the British College of Nurses may be estimated by the increasing number of distinguished visitors it is attracting from all quarters of the world. Recently it has had pleasure in welcoming Sir Rennell Rodd, M.P., who after a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service is now the very popular Member of Parliament for St. Marylebone. M. B. H.

Flurscheim, Secretary-General of the Foch Memorial Hospital in Paris, M. L. Viborel, Secretary-General of the Propaganda d'Hygiene Sociale, Ministère de la Santé Publique, Paris, Dr. Albert Cook, C.M.G., O.B.E., and Mrs. Cook of the Mengo Hospital, Uganda, who have done most valuable pioneer work in that country in the training of native women both as nurses and midwives. A Midwives Act on the lines of the Midwives Act in this country is already in force, and it is hoped that a Nurses

Registration Act may soon be promoted. All these eminent medical men were deeply interested in our Register of Nurses and approved its form giving just the information required, and which they hope to copy when the law permits. Other visitors have been, Miss M. E. Abram, President of the Trained Nurses Association of India, Miss Elnora E. Thomson, President of the American Nurses Association, Miss M. Pickering, Assistant Professor of Nursing Education in the University of California, Mrs. Horatio Walker, Junr., Superintendent of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles, California, and Miss K. Bötchvier, and Miss Karla Paulsen, Sindssygehospitalet Vibog, Denmark.

It is good to meet our colleagues of such varied nationalities, to find that our problems are their problems, our aims and aspirations the same; and more, to enjoy

the pleasure of their society and friendship, and to know that the links of the chain which unites the nurses of the world have been still more firmly riveted.

Those of us who through the International Council of Nurses have learnt the joy of acquiring knowledge of nursing conditions in other countries, and of cultivating a spirit of sympathy with the nurses of other nations, were delighted when Miss Elnora E. Thomson, President of the American Nurses' Association, paid a visit to Great Britain on her way home from the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva, and so gave her colleagues in London an opportunity of extending some hospitality to her.

On Tuesday, July 28th, both Miss Thomson and Miss Mary Pickering, who is, we hear, making a stay of some

months in this country, were the guests of honour at a luncheon party given by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, as President of the British College of Nurses, at the Café Monico, and afterwards Miss Thomson went on to the British College of Nurses, where she was delighted with the beautiful building and very interested in the various activities going on there, including the editorial department of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and the file of the JOURNAL from the first number in 1888 to the present day; and



PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE  
SETTING OUT FOR A DRIVE IN THE PARK.

the History of Nursing Section organised by Miss Bushby and steadily growing in interest and value.

Later she met at tea a number of officers and members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain who had assembled at very short notice to greet her. All were delighted to do so, and it seemed to be an equal pleasure to our American friend to meet her English colleagues.

On August 1st, Miss Thomson gave a charming luncheon party at Brown's Hotel in Dover Street, when amusing reminiscences of pioneer days in nursing organisation related by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick were much appreciated.

Miss Thomson's last words were that she was going home to arouse interest in the Paris Congress of the International Council of Nurses in 1933. She will take with her a beautiful antique English teapot and stand, the gift of the President.

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