

MISS B. G. ALEXANDER, R.R.C., TAKES TEA WITH THE COUNCIL.

The President and Members of Council had the great pleasure of entertaining Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, to tea after the meeting. They had hoped to have with them Miss J. E. Pritchard, F.B.C.N., Lady Superintendent of King Edward VII Memorial Order of Nurses in South Africa, but she had been invited to attend the wedding of Lady May Cambridge and Captain Henry Abel Smith at Balcombe, so would pay a visit to the College in the following week.

Miss Alexander was warmly welcomed by the Council, and Mrs. Fenwick, in its name, presented her with a bouquet of *Harrisii* lilies and Cape gooseberries, tied with green and yellow ribbons, the South African colours. Mrs. Fenwick also presented Miss Alexander with a pair of very fine eighteenth-century blue and white plates of Leeds pottery, very little of which was made; the usual ground being cream colour. In offering the gift Mrs. Fenwick said: "We want you in accepting this little gift to take with you to South Africa a bit of English earth, in this beautified form, with the kindest expression of our sisterly good feeling to yourself and our colleagues associated in the South African Trained Nurses' Association, of which you are the revered President." Miss Alexander expressed her thanks in appropriate terms for the warmth of her welcome—she had previously inspected the beautiful British College of Nurses and inscribed her name in the Visitors' Book.

After tea Miss Bushby showed some of the recent gifts to the History Section, which will no doubt act as an incentive to Dominion nurses to gather together treasures associated with their own leaders and training schools. Miss Alexander, who is greatly interested in the Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Nightingale, has accepted a seat on the International Nightingale Memorial Committee, and will discuss the suggestion agreed at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. at Geneva upon her return to South Africa, and this will be possible as she is for the future to take an active part in the conduct of the *South African Nursing Record*, used as the official organ of the National Organisation of Nurses.

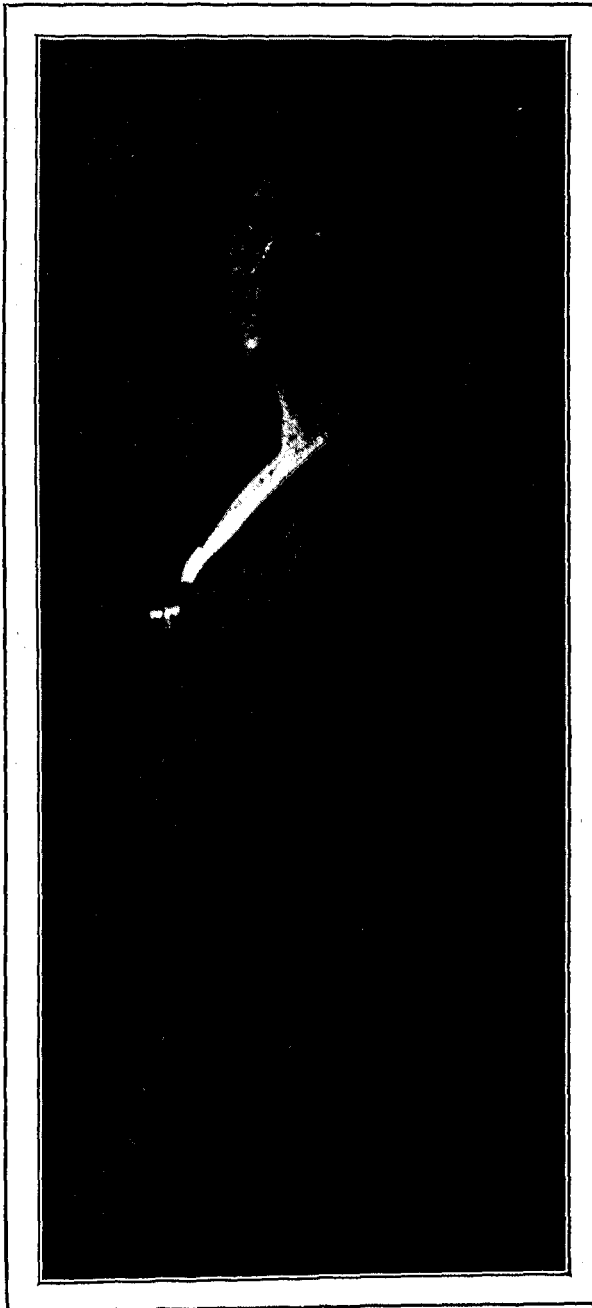
The members of Council bid good-bye to Miss Alexander with regret and wished her *bon voyage*, as she was to sail for South Africa in a few days, hoping they would all meet in Paris in 1933.

ANOTHER GUEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Miss Jane E. Pritchard, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., the Lady Superintendent of King Edward VII Order of Nurses in South Africa, paid the College a visit on October 27th, took the Obligation and received her Diploma. She was then shown over the College and was greatly interested in its special work and possessions—taking tea with the President, Miss Breay and Miss Bushby, who were delighted to welcome her after many years' absence. Miss J. E. Pritchard was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and holds its certificate. After training, she became Lady Superintendent in the Bengal Branch of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Service, nursing in South Africa during the Boer War, and has held her present post in South Africa for seventeen years, during which time her duties brought her into close touch with successive royal Governors—His Excellency Prince Arthur of Connaught and his wife, H.R.H. Princess Arthur, Duchess of Fife, and later with His Excellency the Earl of Athlone and H.R.H. Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and Princess May of Cambridge. Miss Pritchard was a guest at Balcombe at the marriage of Princess May and Captain Henry Abel-Smith, and attended the Reception at Brantridge Park, where she was welcomed with every evidence of courtesy, Princess Alice presenting her to the Queen; and where she greatly enjoyed the simple charm of all the arrangements. A red-letter day indeed, the memory of which will arouse a keen sense of pleasure when once again on duty in the wonderful Union of South Africa, as Head of the King Edward Nurses, who were organised as a South African Memorial to commemorate the life and aims of King Edward VII. The organisation has two divisions (a) European, (b)

Coloured and Native and the immediate object is to make good deficiencies now existing in South Africa.

Miss Pritchard is resident at the Dorothy Centre at Kroonstad—and will be leaving for South Africa at an early date. Her colleagues at home have greatly enjoyed



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