

invited by the National Council of Nurses to discuss this matter in a conjoint committee, and that if the I.C.N. did not avail itself of the suggestion to participate in the organisation of the Courses as a basis for its Florence Nightingale International Foundation, she did not believe the work would be given up, as it had proved of the utmost educational value throughout the world. In the Draft Scheme there was an equality of representation on the Grand Council of the I.C.N. and the L.O.R.C.S., and it was quite probable that the League might nominate nurses as their representatives.

Mrs. Maynard Carter on behalf of the League said that they were very grateful that there was a possibility of their work being carried on by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. It was due, she said, to the American Red Cross that they had been able and were still able to carry on the work. She realised the existence of the Dutch attitude towards the Red Cross, and thought that the same opinion would be found in some other countries. She stated that there had been difficulties between the professional societies and the Red Cross but she considered that these difficulties were passing. No organisation was more anxious than the Red Cross to build up its nursing work on a sound professional basis. Mrs. Carter said that until approached by the National Council of Nurses they had never considered handing over their International Courses. She stated that four old international students were attending the present Conference as delegates. The courses had been organised by the League for 12 years. Then came the necessity for cutting down expenses. She did not know if it would have been possible to carry on the work without collaboration, though every effort would be made to carry on so useful an institution.

An old student present as a delegate testified to the excellence and value of the post-graduate Courses, and hoped that it would be found possible to continue them.

Miss Cox-Davies pointed out that they should not be daunted by the financial situation, as, in her own experience, it was always considered a bad time to try and collect money. She deprecated the idea of dropping the Courses for a year or more.

Miss Funding (Denmark) said that there had been no opportunity to discuss the matter with the members of the Danish Council of Nurses, but that Miss Munck the President was very interested in the scheme, although she feared that owing to economic conditions it would be difficult to raise money.

Mrs. Strong, President of the Scottish Nurses' Association, spoke in appreciation of the Red Cross Society.

Further information was given in reply to a number of questions, and it was generally agreed that the opportunity provided in the week's programme of visits to the various institutions and through exchange of opinions, the delegates would have ample opportunity to form a reliable judgment.

It was agreed to send a message of regret at her inability to be present at the Conference to Miss M. Breay, the Hon. Treasurer of the N.C.N.

It was decided that a further meeting be held at the end of the week to gather up the impressions and opinions of those taking part in the Conference.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Chair and passed with acclamation.

The meeting then terminated.

The Florence Nightingale Statuette.

The lovely little Statuette of Miss Nightingale on the mantelpiece which had faced the Delegates during the meeting, received warm admiration. It was modelled by Agatha Walker from Miss Edith Evans as she appeared on the stage in "The Lady of the Lamp."

THE LUNCHEON OF WELCOME.

After the Meeting, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, entertained the International Delegates and Special Guests at a "Luncheon of Welcome," held at the United Nursing Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, W.1.

The fifty guests assembled in the charming Drawing Room, and descended to the Dining Hall, where the tables conveniently arranged were most tastefully decorated in the national colours, with red and white carnations and blue cornflowers, with small replicas in silk of the flags of all the nationalities present. These flags seemed at once to announce that Florence Nightingale belongs to the Nurses of the World, who come forward to further her teaching and who recognise in her a world force of stupendous power for health and happiness.

Mrs. Fenwick presided, supported on her right by Mlle. Hellemans (Belgium), in the regretted absence of Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and Sister Bergliot Larsson (Norway), and on her left by Miss Venny Snellman (Finland), Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss C. Reimann.

Everyone was apparently very gay and happy, exhilarated by the genuine international spirit which inspired the foundation of the I.C.N. upwards of thirty years ago, and which made the London Meeting in 1909 a never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

This luncheon proved a delightful commencement to the series of social events which had been arranged for the entertainment of our honoured guests.

The menu cards were very original and artistic. A small flaming lamp adorned the upper part, illuminating the name of "Florence Nightingale 1820-1910," and inscribed "May the Light shed by your lamp guide us through countless ages."

The guests after the long morning session were, it is hoped, refreshed by the items on the menu, which well sustained the reputation which the cuisine of the United Nursing Services Club enjoys.

After the loyal toast "The King" had been proposed from the Chair, and drunk with right good will, Mrs. Fenwick proposed the health of the guests. She expressed deep regret at the enforced absence of Mlle. Chaptal, the President of the I.C.N., and appreciation of all her fine work in support of the best interests of the International Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Fenwick then mentioned each of the delegates by name and referred to the contribution of each to the progress of Nursing, especially she requested Miss Inge Funding to carry the greetings of the assembly to Miss Charlotte Munck, the President of the Danish Council of Nurses, whose absence and counsel were a real loss to the Conference.

Mention was made of the great Nurses who helped to found the International Council in the past, Isla Stewart, Margaret Breay, Lavinia Dock, Adelaide Nutting, Isabel Hampton Robb, Agnes Sniveley, Agnes Karll, Henny Tscherning and Sophie Mannerheim. Eloquent expression was given to the debt of gratitude due to them.

Mlle. Hellemans and Sister Bergliot Larsson, on behalf of the guests, offered heartfelt thanks for such a glorious welcome to England as they had received; the ties of friendship which had been made in the past could not but be strengthened by such courtesy and good will now experienced by every delegate. After much expression of appreciation from the other delegates, the health of the President of the N.C.N. was proposed and drunk with enthusiasm and, with few exceptions, all those present moved away to the British College of Nurses in Portland Place to take part in the next item on the Programme.

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