

exquisite handwriting to Mrs. Wardroper, the first "real" Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, also to her Assistant Miss Crossland, and "To my ever dearest guardian and friend, Mrs. Bracebridge," etc., and many other priceless books. The tablecloth worked in memory of the International Delegates who visited Kaiserswerth in 1912, with the worked signatures, was much appreciated, but it brought back sad memories, as many of those whose names appeared on the cloth had passed beyond the realms of this world. Photographs and pictures, also "The Images" (as Mrs. Fenwick calls them) of Miss Nightingale in Staffordshire pottery, and other dignitaries of the Crimean period. The official sash in brown holland worn by a Miss Burnett, a nurse, with "Scutari" worked on in scarlet to denote the Hospital to which she was attached. The War Office warrant for her to work in the Crimea, also the thanks of the Sultan of Turkey and a gift of money she was entitled to, and the thanks of Her Majesty's Government for the good work she had performed in Nursing the Soldiers in the Crimea. The visitors then went to the Record Office of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and were shown the original sketches in colour of the Crimea—pictures, books, and the complete set of books written on Miss Nightingale's life, also the contemporary books written for and against her wonderful work. A large book of photographs taken by Fenton of the war in the Crimea, and many other treasures, but time was far too limited in which to see and realise the historic value of the collection. Miss A. M. Bushby was complimented on the work she had been able to achieve in a short period of three years, and it was realised by the visitors that no section of the British College of Nurses could be of more universal value than the collection of Records of Historical interest in connection with the life of Miss Florence Nightingale. There was neither time nor space to display the Royal Mementoes—or numerous unique items associated with leading Nurses at home and abroad—whose lives and work have been, and still are, an inspiration to the younger generation of their colleagues.

ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS' DINNER.

The Dinner organised on July 4th by the Association of Hospital Matrons, in honour of the International Guests, and a few guests of honour at home, and held at the Cowdray Club, was a delightful function; and greatly enjoyed by all those fortunate enough to receive an invitation.

The guests were received by Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., the President; and, in order to make the occasion as representative as possible, the Executive Committee acted as hostesses, and each one of the Local Groups was invited to send one of their members to act as hostess with the Executive Committee.

Miss Lloyd-Still sat in the middle of the table with Mlle. Hellemans on her right hand.

It was thought well to have as little formality as possible, which made the gathering very enjoyable, and the International Guests greatly appreciated the hospitality of so many of the Matrons of leading hospitals in England, of whose good work many of them are well aware through the International Council of Nurses, and other International foundations.

The table was most daintily adorned with a scheme of pink and white sweet peas and carnations, and it goes without saying that the cuisine was very *recherché*. Speeches happily were brief, but Miss Lloyd-Still, of course, proposed the health of the King, and the guests were welcomed with genuine pleasure for the fourth time that day! They then passed into the Great Hall of the College of Nursing, and were made graciously welcome to England for the fifth time by Miss Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C.

RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE COLLEGE OF NURSING TO INTERNATIONAL GUESTS.

On Monday, July 4th, following upon the dinner given at the Cowdray Club by the Association of Hospital Matrons, the College of Nursing held a Reception in their large Hall, where members of the Council and of the official staff of the College, representatives of the Sections and Branches, a number of the College lecturers, and students from "Manchester Square" who had just completed the International Courses held under the auspices of the League of Red Cross Societies, had the privilege of meeting the distinguished International Guests.

The company was received by the President of the College of Nursing, Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., and other members of the Council, and though everyone was greatly disappointed that, owing to an injury to her foot, Mlle. Chaptal, the President of the International Council of Nurses, had not been able to come to England, they were glad that Miss Reimann, the International Secretary at Geneva, and representatives of so many countries had braved the depression to travel to London for Nightingale Week. The College of Nursing was also happy to welcome Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and foundress of the International Council of Nurses, to their Headquarters, and to have an opportunity of meeting the Presidents of other affiliated societies.

Later in the evening, songs and piano solos from Miss Doris Burr and Miss Winifred Angold transformed the Reception into a charmingly informal concert.

Just when conversation was at its height, Miss Musson, Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, arrived from Leeds wearing her new scarlet and green robes of Doctor of Laws, and when the cheers which greeted her appearance had subsided, Miss Musson stepped forward and, with a half humorous apology for her very "bright" attire, told of the wonderful tributes which Leeds University had paid to the Nursing Profession as a whole when they had accorded her her honorary degree that afternoon.

After this little speech the whole company sang "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow," a song in which even our foreign visitors participated with fervour.

THE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

In the morning of Thursday, 7th July, 1932, the Delegates visited the College of Nursing. They were welcomed by Miss Sparshott, the President. Miss Rundle, the Secretary of the College, gave a brief outline of the work of the College, with special reference to its educational activities and connection with the two Women's Colleges, Bedford College for Women and King's College of Household and Social Science.

Heads of Departments were introduced to the Delegates. They were then taken over the College building, first visiting the Record Room to be shown the system of record keeping and of maintaining the Roll of Membership.

The Library of Nursing was next visited, and much interest was taken in the large circulation of Nursing Text Books, by means of the "open access" and postal systems, as also in the Nursing Periodicals, of which there are over one hundred from different countries.

In the Education Department, having been shown the Demonstration Room, Laboratory, Class Rooms and offices, the Syllabus of the different Courses carried out at the College of Nursing, separately, or in conjunction with the two Schools of the University of London, were explained and copies given to the visitors.

After visiting the Members' Common Room, Buffet and Rest Room, the Delegates signed the Visitors' Book in the Secretary's Office before taking a light luncheon of sandwiches and coffee.

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