

impression that it belonged to what was good in life and such a gathering as this made one feel still more encouragement to follow the ideals of life and to remember that one is not supposed to do other than what is good. This old Association had borne fine thoughts and had brought by its coming into the nursing profession something that held life to all of us. "We are feeling great inspiration to-night and the impression that there is no life like a nurse's. We get so near to the real reason of life—to serve. Fancy what it would mean to us just to go round and find a way of life in many manners and many ways. There is only one message for us, the words—to serve—and by serving in the nursing profession we can progress to goodness more surely so that we are greatly privileged."

Miss Funding (Denmark) said that as a guest living in the house where the delegates were being entertained to-night she wished to give expression of her thanks for great hospitality. She had been so impressed by all that she had seen and heard during the week, and would go back to her country to try and interest the right people in the Nightingale Foundation. She would take all the kind messages back to Miss Munck.

#### A NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN WEEK.

Miss Serton (Holland) said that she also was staying at the Royal British Nurses' Association headquarters and wished also to express her country's appreciation of all the kindness and hospitality the delegates had received everywhere throughout the week. The events of that week had brought Florence Nightingale so much nearer, those who had come over for it had learnt so much more of her great powers as an organiser, and she (Miss Serton) would never forget the pleasures of this week in England.

#### ENGLAND MORE DEAR THAN EVER.

Miss Fairley, from Canada, said that it touched her more that she could say to have been so beautifully entertained in this Association of British Nurses; few could realise all that it meant to be so splendidly received when one visits the homeland. It was just the kind of thing that made England more dear than ever to her sons and daughters across the seas, and she would take away with her inspiring memories of the beautiful words that had been spoken, the welcome extended to her and the friendship that seemed to pervade everything. We were living in difficult times, times that presented problems to all, but a welcome such as had been extended here in England was something that would live and be remembered when difficulties were forgotten.

#### SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION.

Miss Musson then proposed the health of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had founded the International Council, but it might be said that all associations of nurses owed in one sense or another something of their foundation to the work of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. One thing Mrs. Fenwick had never failed to realise was the fact that not only meetings and conferences but social gatherings also are necessary to successful organisation. Those had played an important part in building up the organisation.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ISABEL MACDONALD.

Mrs. Fenwick paid a warm tribute to the part which Miss Isabel Macdonald, the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, had played in nursing organisation. She was an intellectual, an artist and a humanitarian, a trilogy of gifts possessed by few. The success attained by the Association of late years had been the direct result of her arduous work on its behalf for the past twenty years. After dinner the guests enjoyed the coffee and cigarettes in the beautiful drawing-room and met in animated and friendly discussion—the most diplomatic of methods when big professional matters are under consideration.

## LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO STUDENTS COMPLETING THE INTERNATIONAL COURSE AT BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Executive Committee, British Red Cross Society, presided on Thursday, July 7th, at Bedford College for Women, when the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., presented the Certificates to students completing the international courses held for the League of Red Cross Societies in conjunction with the College of Nursing.

Sir Arthur Stanley said: "We are always very proud of the importance that this ceremony has now achieved. Those students who are here now and those old students who have come back to visit the scene of their successes will be glad to know that the continuance of these post-graduate courses for international students has been kindly assured by the League of Red Cross Societies until this time next year. Everybody is convinced that they ought not to be allowed to lapse, and the International Council of Nurses, who have for many years past contemplated an international memorial to Florence Nightingale, have decided that the form they wish that memorial to take is much on the lines that is being done, therefore we have come together, and it is our earnest hope that after next year, that these post-graduate courses will be continued indefinitely and I hope, permanently, as an international memorial to Florence Nightingale. The memorial could not take a more appropriate form than that, and I am sure that all the present students will wish the utmost joy and success to those who are going to succeed them."

#### Miss G. E. Jebb presents Students for Certificates.

The Chairman then called on Miss G. E. M. Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, to announce the names of the students who had gained Certificates.

Miss Jebb expressed pleasure in welcoming to the College not only old friends but also the very distinguished company of delegates to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation Meeting. "I feel," she said, "that it is a very good omen for the future of our scheme to have those delegates with us to-day, and also that it is a great honour to the College to see them here in such numbers.

"We meet to-day under happier auspices than those under which we met a year ago. All those of us who are connected with this scheme feel a great hope for the future, as a result of the prospect of being linked with this wonderful international memorial. I feel myself that there could be no fitter memorial to somebody who was not only a great leader of humanity but also a great pioneer in the intellectual development of women.

"It is a great privilege to us at the College to have connected with it this particular bit of education. Although we hope that the international nurses who come to us take something away that we can give them, I feel that they bring us a very great deal in exchange. Moreover, I feel that, in a world which seems to-day to be rent asunder by national conflicts and national antagonisms, it is a great happiness and a great encouragement to see this real, solid bit of international co-operation."

#### Presentation of Certificates.

Miss Jebb then presented to the Duchess of Atholl the following students who had gained certificates in Session 1931-1932 and stated what their future work would be.

Students who have completed the Public Health Course:—

Roksanda Cabrinovic, Yugoslavia; Lila Florence Jacob, India; Elli Montin, Finland; Frantiska Picova, Czechoslovakia; Mary Sharpe, Great Britain; Slava Smiljanic, Yugoslavia.

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