

THE OLD INTERNATIONALS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER.

The Delegates attending the Conference of the Florence Nightingale Week were invited to the Annual Dinner of the "Old Internationals' Association," an association of the students who have passed through the International Courses. At the end of the year the Association gives this most interesting function, inviting their lecturers and those friends who have been closely connected with them throughout the year.

The Dinner was given at the Cowdray Club and was beautifully served and gay, and the white waistcoats and pink buttonholes, without doubt, enlivened the scene.

This is the occasion when the unique ceremony of presenting an honorary membership to the Association takes place. This year the Association unanimously elected Sir Arthur Stanley, President of the British Red Cross. Miss Snellman (Finland), the newly-elected President of the Association, presented to Sir Arthur Stanley the badge of the Association, upon which is engraved his name and year he was elected an honorary member. The design of the badge represents the world with the Red Cross in the centre, encircled with the name of the Association.

Honorary Membership to the Association is given to one who has been most active and interested on behalf of the work of the International Students both in England and abroad.

Sir Arthur was evidently gratified by this well-deserved recognition, and humbly returned thanks as an "Old International." He referred to the amiable attitude throughout the week of the "lions and the lambs," who certainly had purred and gambolled together in a most amicable spirit, though which were which history declines to specify!

A feature of this Dinner is the Votes of Thanks proposed by the various Students in the group who have completed the Course and received their Certificates.

Vote of Thanks to the Lecturers.

Miss Jacob had the privilege of moving a vote of thanks to the Lecturers all of whom appear to have been very popular. Miss Jacob said "that in addition to the splendid lectures and coachings in Social Administration we are all very grateful to Mrs. Reid and Miss Baggallay for the delightful excursions they have arranged for us.

"Neither Miss Edgell nor her lectures will ever be forgotten, they will remain of value all our lives. When we sat round her, and asked her innumerable questions, we felt like disciples sitting at our master's feet and enjoying the meaning of things. Miss Edgell's psychology rescued us from becoming victims of that dangerous, but nevertheless very interesting subject called 'Abnormal Psychology.' As for Mrs. Williams we all admired and envied her, and wondered how she could ever make such complicated economic problems so simple, clear and fascinating.

"We always looked forward to our Hygiene lecture—Colonel Parkinson had the enviable quality of making his subject most amusing and interesting. We have enjoyed all our lectures, and on behalf of the Students I would like to thank you all for what you have done for us during our brief stay in your country."

This Vote was accorded a hearty reception.

Thanks to Bedford College.

Miss Lucy Otley proposed the Vote of Thanks to Bedford College and said "I am very glad to have this opportunity of adding my tribute to that made by Miss Bourni and Miss Picova this afternoon. A year ago 'Bedford College' was little more than a name, now they mean an unforgettable part of our lives. During the

past year we have learned to know and love our College. I do not think there was one of us who received her Certificate in Bedford College this morning, who however excited and happy she may be at the idea of returning to her own home and country, did not feel genuine sorrow in being present in college as a student for the last time. The picture which we shall carry away in our hearts is bright with happy memories of the fine buildings, and the beautiful gardens, always so particularly alluring as seen through the class room windows! Of our Principal, Miss Jebb, we carry away very happy and very grateful memories. Her unflinching kindness, together with that of her whole Staff has made Bedford College, what it has indeed become to us—a home in a strange city, second only to our dear home in Manchester Square."

Ladies and gentlemen, Bedford College.

Evidently a very popular toast!

The College of Nursing.

Miss Barnett (New Zealand) proposed the toast of the College of Nursing and expressed warm appreciation of the teaching received, and as a centre of hospitality.

The toast was warmly received.

Thus ended an exceedingly interesting function greatly enjoyed by the whole company.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Naturally the international guests were deeply interested in the work of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, governed by Statutory Rules under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, which provides for a Governing Body for the Nursing Profession, the General Nursing Council.

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., the Chairman, attended at Headquarters, 20, Portland Place, W., and together with Miss M. S. Riddell, R.R.C., the Registrar, met the guests on the morning of July 7th, and conducted them through all the departments, the principal of which are the sections regulating the Education and Examination Standards and the Compilation of the Register of Nurses, which contains upwards of 63,000 names.

The clerical staff exceeds 50, and an income of upwards of £43,000 per year is annually administered. It is also the duty of the General Nursing Council to maintain disciplinary standards in the Nursing Profession.

The house, which is handsomely furnished, contains fine administrative quarters and offices, in which the various sections of the important work are carried on.

The General Nursing Council is composed of nine lay and medical persons nominated by Government Departments and by sixteen Registered Nurses who are elected quinquennially by the Registered Nurses themselves, so that if they unite to send responsible women to represent them, they can, and should, control the policy of their own professional affairs.

THE PASSING SHOW.

Many more invitations were received for the Delegates, than it was possible for them to accept. Lady Riddell kindly lent her car so that Sister Larsson could take a peep at our beautiful country around London, and she also found time to lunch with Miss MacManus and see historic "Guys."

Visits were paid to The Nightingale Statue in Waterloo Place, and to that of Edith Cavell. And then there was shopping, a temptation in London impossible to resist.

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