

## THE OPENING OF THE WINTER SESSION.

### ROYAL NURSES: THE PEARL OF SCOTLAND.

The Opening Session of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, W., on Saturday, October 22nd, when the Reception held was attended by upwards of a hundred members and their guests.

It was a very gay tea-party, as everyone anticipated an intellectual treat in listening to the Address to be delivered by Miss Isabel Macdonald on "Royal Nurses: Queen Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland." There were present to make everyone welcome the President and nine Councillors in their beautiful Robes, which always enliven the scene. Amongst others Miss Dorsey brought the group of International Students from 15, Manchester Square; and Captain Troubridge, who represented Captain Cunningham Reid, the M.P. for Marylebone, was soon surrounded by a group of "Robes," who were evidently instructing him in nursing politics with all the expert knowledge at their command! As usual, Miss Stewart Bryson had touched with magic fingers the lovely plants and flowers which harmonised exquisitely with their surroundings, and she presided genially over the tea tables with the help of Miss Fowler, Miss Armstrong, and Miss Wells. In celebration of "Nelson Day," the beautiful Rockingham figure of this never-to-be-forgotten hero, a treasure from the History Section, was given a place of honour in a bower of English roses.

The audience assembled in the fine Lecture Halls, the President taking the Chair at 5.30 p.m., with Miss A. M. Bushby (Vice-President) and Captain Troubridge on her right, and Miss M. S. Cochran, R.R.C., and Miss Isabel Macdonald on her left.

The President introduced the Lecturer so well known to them as an earnest student of Nursing History, who, under the title, "Royal Nurses," would deliver an Address on the life of one of the most remarkable women who ever wore a Crown—Margaret of Scotland—who, she could not resist adding, was a Saxon Princess!

Miss Macdonald, who on rising received an enthusiastic welcome from the audience, then delivered the Address with the fine diction for which she is famous. As anticipated, it proved an entrancing story, and when she had said the last word on "The Pearl of Scotland," the applause was so long repeated that this "Star" of the platform had to rise and recognise the

plaudits of the audience. The President, on behalf of Miss Beatrice Treasure, handed a lovely bouquet of roses and chrysanthemums to Miss Macdonald, to which a card was inscribed—

"In appreciation of the lovely things you have told us of the Princess we presented to Scotland."

Mrs. Fenwick said she did not wish to add one word on a theme so spiritually affecting, but thanked Miss Macdonald in the name of the audience for her beautiful presentation of this lovely woman and great Queen. Captain Troubridge expressed his pleasure at being present, and a most successful meeting concluded in happy mood.



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### INTERNATIONAL COURSES SESSION 1932-33.

Amongst the guests the Council were delighted to welcome were the students who form the Classes for the International Courses, Session 1932-33, now in residence at 15, Manchester Square, made possible by the generosity of the League of Red Cross Societies—courses of education which it is hoped may form the basis of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in the near future.

#### List of Students.

COURSE FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS OF NURSING.

Lara Jonsson, Iceland; Irena Weimanowna, Poland; Solveig Lier, Norway; Alice Eden, Great Britain.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COURSE.

Sarah Isabella Johanna, South Africa; Marie Bettendorff, Luxembourg; Frantiska Zidova, Czechoslovakia; Veronika Monkuti, Lithuania; Marie Sylvie Agnes Weiss, Great Britain; Swatt Dharmasaroja, Siam; Vinka Soljan, Jugoslavia; Cécile Theys, Belgium; Carrie Wickham, Great Britain.

Special Student: Mademoiselle Levêque, France.

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