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THE NIGHTINGALE TRAINING SCHOOL "AT HOME."

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

On Tuesday, June 27th, 1933, the "At Home," Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital, was held with the proverbial good weather that favours this delightful function. Every time one visits this garden party one is struck with the beauty of the situation of this Hospital, built opposite the Houses of Parliament, and on the bank of "dear old Father Thames." What Hospital in the world can boast of a better site? The peace and quietness of those wards and departments that face the river must be of great benefit to the patients as well as to the Hospital Staff. The guests were received by Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and her Assistants, and every care was taken to see that a warm welcome was extended to everyone, and excellent tea was provided. Ices were handed round in the garden, where the Band of the 6th Battalion The East Surrey Regiment played a delightful selection of music.

Many generations of "Nightingales" were among the guests, and old friendships were once again renewed. Many present were going to the Paris-Brussels International Congress of Nurses, and many were the expressions of hope that the Matron, Miss Lloyd-Still, might be the next President of the International Council of Nurses.

The flowers everywhere were lovely and well arranged. "The Patron Saint" of the Nightingale Training School was surrounded by very special flowers, and seemed to shed her light on all, as if she were still living among them.

Between 300 to 400 guests were present. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Dowager Countess of Airlie, Lady Galway, General Sir Harold and Lady Faucus, Dame Maud McCarthy, D.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Osborne, R.R.C., Mrs. Rome, R.R.C., Miss Bonham-Carter, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Carnegie, Miss Rosalind Paget, Miss Montgomery, R.R.C., Miss Dey, R.R.C., Miss Cox Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., and many others were present.

Education is gleaned from men and books and laboratories, from field and forest and whispering wind; but it is more. It is learning promptness and thoughtfulness, kindness and helpfulness, and every form of purity; it is the mastering of mind and spirit, appetite and passion, thought and word and deed; it is knowing that nothing but service brings worthy living, that selfishness means sin, that courage lies in being right. Education is the implanting of good habits, the acquirement of efficiency, the development of twenty-four carat character.

Thomas C. Glaisdell.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AT BEDFORD COLLEGE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

The presentation of certificates to the students who have completed the International Courses organised under the authority of the League of Red Cross Societies at Bedford College, London, is always a most interesting and enjoyable function, marking, as it does, the conclusion of the year's course for graduate nurses from many countries, who then separate to put into practice in their own lands the lessons they have learnt both in the Public Health Course, and the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers.

These Courses, carried on by the League of Red Cross Societies, in conjunction with Bedford College and the College of Nursing, have in the ten years of their existence proved so valuable that, as the League is no longer able to undertake the responsibility of them, a scheme, as our readers are aware, is under consideration by a Conjoint Committee, on the proposition of the International Council of Nurses, to establish them permanently as an International Foundation in memory of Florence Nightingale.

Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., was in the Chair at the ceremony which, this year, took place on June 23rd, and after an interesting address by Miss G. E. M. Jebb, M.A., Principal of Bedford College, certificates were presented by Dr. Alice Masarykova, President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross Society, to the 13 students who had completed the International Courses, who included students from countries as remote as Iceland and Siam, each student being presented by Miss Jebb.

Presentation of Certificates.

In giving the Certificates, Dr. Masarykova spoke very beautifully of the ties that bound together the "international" nurses and of their value to themselves and to the world. She emphasised the importance of the educational work entrusted to the Nurse; there would be an improvement in health, commensurate with the work done by the State, only if people themselves lived healthy lives. She said the Nurse, like the founder of the Nursing Profession, carried a lamp—a lamp that reminded her of her childhood, when she had been accustomed to see her grandmother place a lamp in the window every evening to guide travellers across the waste. The Nurse must use her lamp to guide travellers along the road to health.

The students were privileged to receive their certificates from Dr. Masarykova, for she is the distinguished daughter of a distinguished father, the President of the Czechoslovakian Republic, and the "father" of his country. She initiated the Red Cross Truce, which, after the manner of the mediæval Truce of God enjoining at stated times the cessation of strife, is observed at Easter. The Truce is solemnly proclaimed in Parliament and is faithfully observed for three days, controversy is laid aside, even the newspapers abstaining from Party politics and joining with all well-disposed people in promoting some particular object for the public weal.

Following the presentation of certificates Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the International Council of Nurses, gave the following Address:

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's Address.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have been invited to speak "for a vivid five minutes," a wise restriction after the eloquent addresses to which

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