

## SOCIAL SILHOUETTES.

Paris, that city of gaiety and good fellowship, realised, we feel sure, that its visitors composed of the officers responsible for the organisation of the executive work of the I.C.N. were but human, and that relaxation would ensure the performance of their duties with greater harmony and dispatch.

Thus a little shower of cards inviting them to enjoy dinners, and receptions were duly appreciated.

### THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

On Wednesday, July 5th, the President entertained the Board of Directors to a very recherché Dinner in a very beautiful old house of a friend in the Rue Barbet de Jouy, in the St. Germain district of Paris. On arrival, the guests realised that their surroundings were unique—and that they were being privileged to enter not only a French

We took coffee on the flower-decked terrace in the glamorous dusk in the old-world garden. The wonderful mansion—grey, silent, of old time—a dream of dignity, and yet to judge from scraps of conversation overheard, work, progress were the real objectives of this group of animated women, and their gentle hostess was silently the most strenuous of them all.

### DELEGATION RECEIVED AT THE ELYSÉE, JULY 6th.

On Thursday, July 6th, M. Lebrun, the President of the French Republic, and Mme. Lebrun, received a delegation composed of the members of the Board of Directors, together with members of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France at the Elysée. The Delegation awaited the President in a charming apartment furnished with the usual fine French taste, and, on his arrival, Mlle. Chaptal presented to him replicas of the medal com-



Delegation Received by the President of the French Republic.

Front Row. Miss Lloyd Still, Miss Alexander, Miss Messolora, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mlle. Chaptal, Mlle. Hellemans, Miss Musson, Mrs. Pon Yen, Miss Natsuye Inouye, Miss C. Tan.

Second Row. Mlle. de Joannis, Sister E. Dillner, Miss E. Thomson, Miss V. Snellman, Miss Kehrer, Mrs. Koch, Sister Bergliot Larsson, Miss Young, Frau A. Brandt, Miss Sułczyńska.

home, but a magnificent museum of art. The surroundings were exquisite: antique French decorations, of the most elegant; tapestries, Italian pottery, furniture, a dream of beauty, created by the finest artists of their time.

The table, with its exquisite glass and porcelain, and flower decorations in red, white, and blue, a Red Cross in the centre, and through the open French windows the garden of brilliant flowers and artistic lights. This was a glimpse of French home life, sacred in its seclusion, and a privilege seldom enjoyed by strangers.

The dignity of the service, almost a thing of the past in England.

Mlle. Chaptal, at the head of the table, graciously dispensing hospitality, was of a simplicity most charming. The true *grande dame*, whose guests are always at home. She made sweet and pretty speeches in proposing the health of her guests, and the success of the International Council of Nurses.

We did not fail to respond.

We thanked her for past services, and wished her success in her responsible office throughout the Congress.

memorative of the Congress in silver, fitted in a charming case, for which M. Lebrun expressed his thanks with evident pleasure. Mlle. Chaptal then presented the Delegation in the following address:—

Monsieur le Président,—J'ai l'honneur de vous présenter aujourd'hui les membres du Comité Directeur du Conseil International des Infirmières, déléguées officiellement pour assister au Congrès International de 1933. Vingt-quatre nations affiliées se trouvent ainsi réunies dans un sentiment commun et dans un même désir de faire progresser la profession d'infirmière pour le plus grand bien de l'humanité qui souffre. D'autres nations en grand nombre ont délégué à ce Congrès des représentantes et plusieurs de ces nations lui seront prochainement affiliées.

Chacun des pays présents apporte à l'ensemble son inspiration et le résultat de ses travaux, et les congrès qui nous réunissent tous les quatre ans sont l'occasion de progrès marqués, non-seulement dans le niveau des

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