

their own instruments. It was delightful to enjoy a bit of the life of real France.

It must have passed the witching hour of midnight when, after delicious refreshments, champagne, ices, etc., this novel and delightful entertainment devised by our very kind hosts was brought to a close and we reluctantly bid them adieu.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN, DINNER AT THE RESTAURANT LAURENT.

In return for much delightful hospitality the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain entertained upwards of 60 guests to Dinner on July 12th, at the beautiful Restaurant Laurent, Paris. The room in which the gathering was held lends itself delightfully to such a function, being in shape semi-circular with an outlook into a cool green lovely garden.

Miss Cox-Davies and Mrs. Maynard Carter selected this appropriate place in which to entertain the guests, and nothing could have been more charming than the arrangements made by them, the floral decorations and surroundings.

The three Societies which united to finance the Dinner were the Association of Hospital Matrons, the College of Nursing and the British College of Nurses, and the guests were received by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd Still, Mrs. Rome, Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss Villiers.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the Chair, with Mlle. Chaptal on her right and Miss Noyes, the First Vice-President, on her left, and all the members of the Board of Directors, together with the leading officials of the I.C.N., with other distinguished guests graced the scene, which was inspired by the happiest spirit of *camaraderie*, the instinct which animates the I.C.N., and which has made it the quite wonderful world power which it is.

The very excellent repast at an end (we enjoyed the presentation with pomp of the *poulard Poëlee Bouquetière* by the waiter), the Chairman assured the guests there were to be no speeches (here a sigh of relief) but craved permission "to say a few words," in which she expressed the very great pleasure of the hostesses in welcoming the distinguished guests.

Mlle. Chaptal then sprang a delightful surprise upon unsuspecting colleagues. She announced that she had been commissioned by His Excellency the French Minister of Public Health to present Medals awarded by him to the following ladies:—

1. SILVER MEDAL.

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses, and promoter of Public Health.

To Dean Annie Goodrich, of Yale University School of Nursing, U.S.A., Hon. President of the I.C.N. Nursing Education.

To Miss Jean I. Gunn, Superintendent of Nurses, Toronto General Hospital, Canada, 2nd Vice-President of the I.C.N.

To Mlle. Hellemans, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses (presented in Brussels).

To Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer I.C.N., Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

2. BRONZE MEDAL.

To Miss A. Lloyd Still, New President, I.C.N. Head of the Nightingale Training School for Nurses.

To Miss Take Hagiwara, President, the Nurses' Association of Japan.

To Mlle. Mechelynck, Vice-President, National Federation of Belgian Nurses (presented in Belgium).

To Sœur Allard, of the *Hotel Dieu*, Montreal, Canadian delegate for the French Provinces.

Mlle. Chaptal added to the value of the honours bestowed by her very kind recognition of the work of the recipients in the field of Public Health and Nursing Education.

Those present, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Jean Gunn, Miss E. M. Musson and Miss Lloyd Still, returned thanks and expressed their sincere appreciation of the honours bestowed upon them.

This Dinner was in a sense a farewell to the brilliant days spent in Paris, from which the members of the I.C.N. parted with regret, and as the guests sped to their hotels through the exquisite night—over the beautiful bridges—past the sparkling lights, and flashing fountains sending their spray sky high in the Place de la Concorde, they realised that the inner significance of their Congress was more potent than words!

Many expressions of appreciation of the Dinner at the "Laurent" by the guests who made it so happy an occasion have been received.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain has since the Dinner given a substantial donation towards expenses.

THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE I.C.N.

The following Official National Representatives attended the International Congress in Paris-Brussels:—

President: L. Chaptal, France.

First Vice-President: Clara D. Noyes, U.S.A.

Second Vice-President: Jean I. Gunn, Canada.

Treasurer: E. M. Musson, Great Britain.

Secretary: Christiane Reimann.

AFILIATED NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

(In order of affiliation.)

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.—President: Ethel Gordon Fenwick.

The American Nurses' Association.—President: Elnora E. Thomson.

The Nurses' Association of Germany.—President: Helene Blunck (proxy at Congress, Anni Brandt).

The Canadian Nurses' Association.—President: Florence H. W. Emory.

The Danish Council of Nurses.—President: Margrethe Koch.

The National Council of Nurses of Finland.—President: Venny Snellman.

The Nosokomos, Holland.—President: Meta Kehrer.

The Trained Nurses' Association of India.—President: M. E. Abram (proxy at Congress, E. Watts).

The New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association.—President: E. J. Young.

The National Federation of Belgian Nurses.—President: J. Hellemans.

The Nurses' Association of China.—President: Victoria Pon Yen.

The Norwegian Nurses' Association.—President: Bergliot Larsson.

The South African Trained Nurses' Association.—President: Bella Gordon Alexander.

The Bulgarian Nurses' Association.—President: Mary Nicolova.

The National Association of Nurses of Cuba.—President: Hortensia Perez (no representation at Congress).

The National Association of Trained Nurses of France.—President: L. Chaptal.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of the Irish Free State.—President: Alice Reeves (proxy at Congress, Ellen Healy).

The National Council of Polish Professional Nurses.—President: J. Suffczynska.

The Brazilian Graduate Nurses' Association.—President: Edith Fraenkel.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Greece.—President: M. Chrysaki (proxy at Congress, A. J. Messolora).

The Filipino Nurses' Association.—President: Cesarea Tan.

The Swedish Nurses' Association.—President: Elisabet Lind, (proxy at Congress, Elisabet Dillner).

The Yugoslavian Graduate Nurses' Association.—President: Antonia Schiffrer.

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