

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

Luncheon by Invitation of Sir Arthur Stanley.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation on July 5th was preceded by a luncheon at Claridge's Hotel, W., to which Members of the Grand Council of the Foundation were invited by Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Provisional Committee. It was a delightful prelude to the afternoon's work, and the geniality and kindness of the host, and the opportunity afforded to the Delegates to meet in friendly intercourse under such ideal conditions, were greatly appreciated.

Reception given by the House Committee of 15, Manchester Square, W.

We alluded in our last issue to the Reception on the same day given by the House Committee of 15, Manchester Square, W., to meet the Members of the Grand Council of the F.N.I.F. It was specially interesting owing to the presence, in addition to that of the Delegates, of the International Students in residence.

Dinner by Invitation of Dame Sarah Swift.

On the evening of July 7th most of the Delegates dined, by invitation of the Chairman, Dame Sarah Swift, at the Cowdray Club, Cavendish Square, W., with other invited guests, when a very pleasant evening was spent. After dinner many delightfully informal conversations took place.

Reception at Bedford College, Regent's Park.

On Monday, July 9th, the International Delegates who attended the Presentation of Certificates to the Students completing the International Courses at Bedford College (University of London) were subsequently present at the Reception given by invitation of the Provisional Committee for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in the beautiful grounds of the College.

Reception at the British College of Nurses.

It was a great pleasure to the President and Council of the British College of Nurses to welcome International Delegates after the Annual Meeting on July 10th, particularly as 39, Portland Place is the Headquarters of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and they thus had an opportunity of becoming familiar with the offices in which the work of the Council is conducted.

The Annual Dinner of the Old Internationals' Association.

On the evening of the same day the Annual Dinner of the Old Internationals' Association took place at the Cowdray Club, when Miss Venny Snellman, of Finland, President of the Association, was in the chair. Mrs. Cecil Carter, Chief of the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies, referred to the responsibility for the International Courses having now been assumed by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Dame Margaret Tuke, Principal of Bedford College when the Courses were inaugurated, spoke of the early days, and Mrs. Reid, Director of Social Studies at Bedford College, made a most amusing speech. Miss Jeanne Peza (Greece) expressed the thanks of the 1933-1934 group to all who had helped to make the Course such a success.

A feature of the proceedings was the presentation by Miss Snellman of the Badge of the Association to Mr. Ernest Swift, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, as a token of the Hon. Membership which it conferred upon him.

In addition to the functions enumerated many impromptu and informal invitations gave additional pleasure to hostesses and guests. A large number of the Delegates accepted the invitation of the President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to its Annual Reception in the Great Hall of the Hospital.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

On July 9th the interesting ceremony of the presentation of certificates to the students who have completed the International Courses took place at Bedford College, Regent's Park, N.W., on the invitation of the Council of Bedford College and the Provisional Committee for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., was in the chair and expressed his pleasure at presiding once more at a presentation of this character. He then introduced Mlle. L. Odier, member of the International Red Cross Committee of Geneva which, he said, had no more whole hearted or devoted worker.

Mlle. Odier in conveying the greetings of the International Red Cross Committee congratulated the students on obtaining their certificates, and wished them good luck. She realised, she said, the world wide influence of these Courses. The task of the students when they returned to their own countries was not always easy as they were sometimes met with incomprehension, but they always spoke with praise and gratitude of the time they had spent at Manchester Square. She thought it was an example of what the world might be if the nations met together in a similar way to work for the benefit of humanity.

Miss G. E. M. Jebb, M.A., Principal of Bedford College, extended a welcome to every one present and especially to the 17 students who were now to receive their certificates. She stated that the present was the fourteenth of the International Courses which had turned out 240 students who had come from 43 countries, many of them on returning to their own countries had taken up responsible posts which she enumerated. The present students had all achieved a great deal and had attained a singularly good and even standard. Miss Jebb congratulated them all on a good year's work and thanked them for what they had brought to the College.

Sir Arthur Stanley then invited Dame Alicia Lloyd Still to present the certificates to the students and explained that the present was the last of the Courses with which the League of Red Cross Societies was concerned and expressed gratitude to the League for its work in this connection. The Courses now passed under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and, as Her Majesty the Queen had said in a message to the recent Inaugural Meeting of the Foundation, an educational memorial would undoubtedly have commended itself to Miss Nightingale.

Speaking from the Red Cross point of view, Sir Arthur said he was glad to welcome Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses, and Hon. President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and Mlle. Chaptal a past President of the I.C.N. leading up to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still the present holder of that office, under whose control and direction he was living happily at St. Thomas's Hospital. He welcomed also Her Grace, the Duchess of Devonshire, the President of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee in Great Britain.

Dame Alicia congratulated the students, who she said were going out as pioneers in a great cause and expressed her good wishes for them in their future work. She then presented the certificates.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE PUBLIC HEALTH COURSE.

Ebba Katarina Brauer, Sweden; Fiorangela Codacci-Pisanelli, Italy; Birgit Kansanen, Finland; Elizabeth Kerekrethy, Hungary; Dorothy Mitra, India; Bridget

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