

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

On July 4th the ceremony of the presentation of certificates to the students who have completed the International Courses at Bedford College, Regent's Park, N.W., took place at the College in the presence of a large company assembled on the invitation of the Council of Bedford College for Women and the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, under the auspices of which the Courses had been held.

Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., LL.D., in welcoming those present said that the occasion was a very special one. This annual event was, they knew, the one on which the International students who had been studying in Bedford College and Manchester Square receive their certificates of training and certificates of merit; but, he said, there is one thing that makes this meeting rather different from any other that has gone before it, and certainly much more important—these are the first students who have worked under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Up till now the League of Red Cross Societies has kept these courses of instruction going, but now, as you know, that has been changed. The International Nurses, the nurses of the whole world, wished to have an international Foundation to the memory of Florence Nightingale. They did not wish to have simply an ordinary statue, or bricks and mortar, or anything else; they wanted an educational course, and they found that exactly what they wanted was this series of Courses that the League of Red Cross Societies has been carrying on.

So we have joined forces, and this year, for the first time, the students will have the honour of receiving certificates not of the League of Red Cross Societies or any other body, but of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Sir Arthur Stanley then invited Dame Janet Campbell to address the meeting. She had consented at short notice to replace Dr. Rajchman, Health Director of the League of Nations, and the substitute he appointed, Dr. Boudreau, a well-known French doctor.

### The Health Organisation at Geneva.

Dame Janet said she had some hesitation in representing either of these gentlemen in order to speak a little about the work of the Health Organisation at Geneva, but it was work with which she had been concerned for a good many years now, and she welcomed the opportunity of telling those present a little of what Geneva was trying to do for the health of the world in an international way. She then described the Health Organisation set up under the Covenant of the League of Nations—the Health Committee representative of 25 of the different countries, and the permanent Secretariat over which Dr. Rajchman presides. The work could be divided into permanent and special or temporary.

There was the epidemiological work, and the international control and supervision of infectious diseases such as plague, cholera, typhus and yellow fever. There were also three Permanent Commissions. One dealing with the control of opium, and the putting into operation the various international conventions concerning narcotic drugs; and a second dealing with the standardisation of biological products. The third permanent part of the work was the educational work, the training of health officers of different kinds, and, with substantial help from the Rockefeller Foundation, with the setting up of schools of hygiene in a good many different centres of Europe and elsewhere.

Dame Janet spoke also of the question of rural hygiene, and the importance of the public health nurse in this connection, and said in conclusion that the work of the Health Organisation of the League of Nations was done without a great deal of publicity but it was very important, penetrating and educational.

### Address of Principal of Bedford College.

Miss G. E. M. Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, expressed pleasure in welcoming to the College the very distinguished company present, her first greeting being to the Chairman, Sir Arthur Stanley. She said there was a unanimous feeling, when the management of this scheme changed and passed from the control of the League of Red Cross Societies to that of the Florence Nightingale Foundation, that Sir Arthur Stanley must go on presiding at this ceremony. Miss Goodrich could hardly be called a visitor because she had already made herself one of the organisation and was on the Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. She welcomed also representatives of the Egyptian and Latvian Ministries.

There were 21 presentees to receive their certificates, 10 students in the British Empire, and 11 from other countries—from Bulgaria, France, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Denmark, Norway, Turkey, and the United States.

Three students had achieved distinction in the whole Course, which meant attaining a very high level throughout all their subjects, and nine had achieved distinctions in various subjects. She had that morning heard of another honour for those attending the Course. Miss Dickinson and Miss Williamson had gained their Health Visitor's Certificate from the Ministry of Health.

The occasion was marred by only one cloud. It was the last time they would have Mrs. Reid with them in her official capacity as head of the Social Studies Department of Bedford College. She was being succeeded by Dr. Henry Mees, a distinguished sociologist who for a good many years had done some very important work on Tyneside in organising there the Council of Social Service.

Miss Jebb then congratulated those who were about to receive their certificates which she asked Miss Goodrich to present. She then read the following list of students, saying that their performance had been highly satisfactory and the Bedford College staff were all very proud of their association with the College.

### Course in Public Health for Nurses.

MISS GERGANA BALABANOVA will return to Bulgaria to work in the State School of Nursing to help in training Public Health Nurses.

MISS G. M. ROSS (Distinction in Whole Course) has been recently appointed to take an organising position with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.

MISS E. SMITH (Distinction in Hygiene Psychology) will return to her post as Instructor in Health Education, Provincial Normal School, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

MISS A. KROHN (Distinction in Hygiene) will remain in England for training in Hospital Social Service before returning to Finland.

MISS A. CLAMAGERAN (Distinction in Industrial Conditions) will return to her post of Tutor for Public Health Nurses, S.S.B.N., School for Nurses, Rouen.

MISS E. BEHRENDT (Distinction Psychology, Industrial Conditions and Social Administration) is going back to Hospital Social Service work in the Augusta-Hospital, Berlin, under the German Red Cross.

MISS D. M. DICKINSON (Distinction in the Whole Course) intends to return to Hospital work in England.

MISS P. R. WILLIAMSON is expecting to obtain a Health Visitor's post in England.

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