

VOTES OF THANKS.

Miss Murray, Canada, said: "It is my privilege this afternoon to express the thanks and appreciation which we feel towards those who have done so much to make this year a happy and successful one. It has brought to us a variety of experiences, the full value of which we will not realise until we are at home solving our own individual problems. Now the end has come, and this occasion is for us one of great joy and sorrow: joy because we are going to our homeland, and sorrow because we are parting with new-found friends.

We came from many parts of the globe, with different languages, customs and backgrounds, but with a singleness of purpose to prepare ourselves for further service in the field of nursing.

We have lived under one roof as a miniature League of Nations. We have had our discussions, but no one has seceded, and the interchange of ideas has given us a wider view and a clearer conception of nursing in other countries.

We are the first class to study under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. We are greatly indebted to those who conceived and inaugurated this memorial, and to the League of Red Cross Societies which originated and sponsored these courses in former years.

Everywhere we have been graciously welcomed. The hospitals and public health departments have opened wide their doors, and with great patience have explained to us their methods and answered our many questions.

The members of the staffs of Bedford College and of the College of Nursing have given unstintingly of their time and have had great understanding of our many problems. We are greatly indebted to them for the help which they have given us.

This afternoon we wish to thank Dame Janet Campbell for coming and explaining to us the work of the Public Health Department of the League of Nations, and Miss Jebb for her words of encouragement. Miss Goodrich and the University of Yale have always stood for what is highest and best in the education of the nurse. We have a great admiration for Miss Goodrich, and we were very glad when we heard that she was going to speak to us this afternoon. She has made us all very conscious of the fact that every nurse should be educated for community service.

I would also like to thank Sir Arthur Stanley for the interest he has taken in our welfare and for coming here this afternoon.

It is with great pleasure that I propose this vote of thanks."

Miss Pade, Denmark, said: "I am very glad to have the privilege of seconding the thanks of Miss Murray on behalf of the International Students.

We all felt a little nervous and anxious the first day we came to College—at least we did who never before had been enrolled as students in a University. But this anxiety has now changed to a deep thankfulness to everyone who has had a part in showing us the way towards the goal. A great aim is put before us—the nurse for community service; and even if the ends by which it may be reached may differ in the different countries the end is the same.

A great authority has told us that, "life is education and education is life." Therefore we feel our responsibility more than ever before to go home and learn by doing and teach by living.

I have therefore much pleasure in joining Miss Murray in this vote of thanks to everyone who has had a part in showing us the way towards the goal, and in very sincere thanks to our Chairman, Miss Goodrich, Dame Janet Campbell, the Principal, and Miss Coode.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation and on the invitation of Miss Jebb, those present then adjourned to tea in the garden.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The advent in London of distinguished nurses from other countries was a welcome occasion for the exercise of the hospitality which is always such a distinguishing mark of international gatherings of nurses.

LUNCHEON BY INVITATION OF SIR ARTHUR STANLEY.

Sir Arthur Stanley, the most hospitable Treasurer of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, entertained the members of the Grand Council at a delightful luncheon at Claridge's on July 4th. The geniality and kindness of the host, and the opportunity of meeting in friendly intercourse under such ideal conditions, were greatly appreciated by the delegates, all of whom were present.

RECEPTION AT BEDFORD COLLEGE, REGENT'S PARK.

On July 4th also a Garden Party was given in the beautiful grounds of Bedford College, after the Presentation of Certificates to the Students completing the International Courses under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, by Dean Goodrich, on the invitation of the Council of Bedford College and of the Foundation. In the gorgeous sunshine the grounds looked their best and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyable.

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE OLD INTERNATIONALS' ASSOCIATION.

Before the Students dispersed to put into practice in all parts of the world the lessons garnered during their year at Bedford College, the Old Internationals' Association held its Annual Dinner at the Cowdray Club, 20, Cavendish Square, W., on the evening of July 4th, when some 85 members and their guests assembled.

Princess Anna Schwarzenberg, Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, herself an "old international," presided, and was a witty and amusing chairman. Amongst those present were Dean Goodrich, Mr. Ernest Swift, Mlle. d'Haussonville, Miss Alice Stewart, of Pittsburg, Miss Lawler, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, the delegates on the Grand Council of the F.N.I.F., and the Principal and Lecturers at Bedford College.

The toast of the evening was "Our Year in London," proposed by Miss Alice Clamageran (France) and spoken to by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who recalled the early history of the Foundation, Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, and Miss Coode, President of the College of Nursing.

A vote of thanks from Sir Harold Fawcus to the Chair brought to a close a most pleasant evening.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 2nd and 3rd, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still entertained delegates to luncheon after the meetings of the Grand Council at St. Thomas's Hospital, and on the 3rd also the American Nurses' Association gave a very enjoyable luncheon at the Cowdray Club, when Miss Susan Francis, President of the Association, was in the chair and the other American delegates acted with her as hostesses.

As international guests were welcomed on arrival so they were speeded on their departure. On July 7th, Dean Goodrich and Miss Mary Beard, of the Rockefeller Foundation, left by air for Paris, and there were at Victoria to see them off Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, representing the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Coode, President of the College of Nursing, Miss Cox-Davies, Hon. Secretary, Association of Hospital Matrons, Miss N. Dorsay, Warden, Florence Nightingale International House, and Miss O. Baggallay, Secretary of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

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