

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ON VIEW.

In connection with the Appeal recently issued in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, the Duchess of Devonshire, President of the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain, together with the members of the House Committee, held an At Home on February 7th at the Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, W.1, which is the Residence of the International Nightingale Students. The guests included leaders in the British Red Cross Society, and members of the Nursing Profession specially interested in the work of raising an Educational Memorial to Miss Nightingale, Founder of the scientific principles upon which modern nursing is based. The visitors were received in the beautiful Drawing Room of this fine Adam House by the Duchess of Devonshire, when a large number from many parts of the country were present. The presence of the Students, some of whom appeared in their picturesque national dress—added much to the gaiety of the reception, as they brought a charming touch of colour to the scene.

After Tea, which was served in the Dining Room, guests were conducted by the Students on a tour of this fine Hostel, its beautiful design and satisfying proportions so unmistakably of the Adam period, were greatly admired.

During the tour of the Students' charming quarters, of which the doors are inscribed with the name of the occupant's country, we were privileged to have a glimpse into the art, colour and design of furnishings, hangings and rugs of no less than fourteen different countries, the International Students, past and present, having been responsible for them. We passed from rich Oriental hangings worked in the glowing colours of the East to the Jugoslavian wonderfully woven cushions and covers, the Bulgarian pottery, Chinese rich pile rug of clearest blue and white, and the lovely neutral shades of the Northern countries, it was impossible to decide which was the most appealing.

Among those present we noted Mary, Countess of Minto, The Dowager Duchess of Beaufort, The Countess of Stamford, The Countess of Limerick, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, Dame Sarah Swift, Dame Maud McCarthy, Miss Jebb, Lady Riddell, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Lt.-Gen. Sir Harold Fawcus, Sir Edward Stewart, Colonel Sir James Magill, Dame Beryl Oliver, Major A. C. Abrahams, Major-Gen. Oliver Robinson, Major-Gen. D. J. Collins, Miss Watt, Miss Helen Dey, Miss Darbyshire, Mrs. Rome, Lady Williams, Miss Osborne, Miss D. M. Martin, and many others well known in the Branches of the British Red Cross Society and the Nursing Profession.

Miss Nan Dorsey, the Warden of the House, had as usual made admirable arrangements for the reception of the guests.

It is to be hoped that the guests, who expressed their interest in this fine international scheme of advancing skilled nursing throughout the world, will lend it financial support, as all thorough education is necessarily costly.

Alice Stewart Bryson.

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The ninety-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, February 16th, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-President, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

The Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were notified from Miss M. Breay and Miss J. C. Cowie.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The correspondence with Mrs. Henrietta Smith, Matron, Poor Law Institution, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich, which had passed between her and the Council, was reported, and a reply was agreed.

Letter sent to the Editor of *Time and Tide* (reported in the February issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING) expressing the Council's disappointment that *Time and Tide* could not spare space for the expression of expert nursing opinion in reply to criticism of professional matters by the laity. The President reported that an admirable letter headed "Regarding Nurses" had appeared in a subsequent issue of *Time and Tide*, written by Miss C. Black, the King's Nurse, from Sandringham.

Further correspondence with Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P., *re* a "Domiciliary Nursing Services Bill" was reported, in which he promised to acquaint himself with the provisions of any measure brought forward by the Government similar to the Domiciliary Nursing Services Bill, recently before Parliament, although during this crowded Session it is improbable that time can be found for any such measure.

Letter from Miss L. A. Parry, Matron, The National Society for Epileptics, Chalfont Colony, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, in reply to letter from the College *re* visit of Administration Class, stating that the Committee will be pleased for it to visit, and making arrangements.

Letter of thanks from Miss G. S. Harris, Hon. Secretary, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, for Miss Isabel Macdonald's short Report on the League of Remembrance.

Particulars of General Nursing Council for England and Wales, May, 1935, Examinations, from the Registrar, for which thanks had been expressed.

Letter of thanks from the Cunard White Star, Ltd., for the copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING *re* Report of Administration Class visit to the *Carinthia*.

Thanks for Christmas Cards from:—Miss Pearl L. Morrison, F.B.C.N., Washington, U.S.A., Miss McKee, F.B.C.N., Superintendent, Brantford General Hospital, Ontario; Miss L. Taylor, F.B.C.N., Matron, General Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland; Miss E. Riley, M.B.C.N., Hong Kong; Miss G. M. Hawthorne, F.B.C.N., Tanganyika Territory, and others.

### DEATH.

The President expressed deep regret to have to report that a letter had been received from Miss Annison Thacker stating that her sister, Miss Alice Edith Thacker, one of the first Fellows of the College, died suddenly on the 5th February, 1935, from Gastric Influenza. A message of sympathy to be sent to Miss A. Thacker.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Several letters of a confidential nature from Matrons and others asking for advice were read, considered, and replies agreed. From these communications it was evident

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