

COURSE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

Miss I. M. ABELGAS has been appointed Supervisor of Public Health Nurses under the Philippine Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Miss E. R. BRIDGES (Distinction in Psychology and Hygiene) has been appointed Assistant Nurse Instructor in the Post-graduate School in Wellington, New Zealand.

Miss M. E. FLAMBERT (Distinction in Hygiene) is working for the Health Visitors' Examination and will take up Health Visiting in the autumn.

SPECIAL STUDY.

Miss V. DUNBAR returns to her position of Assistant Director of the School of Nursing University of California, San Francisco.

The Chairman then called on Dr. Eason to address the meeting.

Address of Dr. Eason.

Dr. Eason said that he understood he was expected to address the International Students, and he was going to address them and nobody else. His message would be short. It would be in four words, and four words only, but he hesitated to say them in the presence of Sir Arthur Stanley and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still. They were:

Florence Nightingale is dead.

He wished to say that magnificent as the career of Florence Nightingale was they must never allow themselves to be strangled and throttled by tradition.

A friend of his present that afternoon said once: "If Florence Nightingale was the Lady of the Lamp she was also a lady with a lash." If she were here now she would lash as unsparingly as she lashed in the Crimea. Florence Nightingale was an individual, and the whole essence of progress was personality and individualism.

They should always work for what they knew to be necessary without having any regard to those persons who say, "Because this is so it ought to remain so."

Dr. Eason associated himself with the good wishes expressed for the success of the work of the students on their return to their own countries.

Sir Arthur Stanley said he was rather under the impression that, as Chairman, he ought to have called Dr. Eason to order many times for his revolutionary remarks.

Votes of Thanks.

Votes of thanks were then proposed to H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent, Sir Arthur Stanley, Miss Jebb and the Speakers, by Miss I. M. Abelgas (Philippine Islands) and Miss J. G. Thompson (Great Britain) and were responded to by Dr. Eason.

By invitation of Miss Jebb the company then adjourned to the Oliver Hall, where tea was served, the Duchess taking tea with the Committee, and specially invited guests, at the high table.

THE "OLD INTERNATIONALS" ANNUAL DINNER.

After the ceremonies at Bedford College the "Old Internationals Association" held their Annual Dinner at the Cowdray Club.

Miss Lucy Ottley was in the Chair, surrounded by a merry company, and the speeches were as usual of a very amusing quality.

After dinner came farewells, and with them thanks for a happy as well as instructive time in England.

NURSING ECHOES.

Two city churches are likely to attract congregations from beyond the borders of their own parishes, and one indeed has already done so, the Church of St. Lawrence, Jewry-next-Guildhall, the official church of Guildhall and Corporation, of which the Rector is the Rev. A. Lombardini, for 23 years Chaplain of St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Kensington. Knowing the needs of nurses Mr. Lombardini has set apart an adjoining room for the use of nurses of the London Hospitals, where Miss S. A. Alsop, formerly Matron of St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, acts as hostess, more especially on Sunday evening, when after the service in the church the nurses foregather and are welcomed and entertained.

Recently Her Majesty Queen Mary visited the room and expressed warm approval of its homely and comfortable character.

Now we learn that the Rev. H. Ross, Chaplain-General of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, has been nominated by the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to the benefice of St. Augustine-with-St. Faith, Watling Street, on the recommendation of the Bishop of London, a Patron of the Guild, and we may be sure that many of the 7,000 members of the Guild scattered throughout the world will find their way, as occasion offers, to this quiet city church.

The "At Home" of the Nightingale Training School at St. Thomas's Hospital was held on June 30th in the garden, with its lovely vista over the river, and the weather held up, so that tea with attendant delicacies was enjoyed by a crowded gathering of "Nightingales" and their friends, received by Dame Alicia Lloyd Still. The corridors were decorated with a mass of lovely flowers, and statuettes of Miss Florence Nightingale were appropriately grouped amidst them. A good band added to the gaiety.

We were glad to note how eagerly many present made enquiries about the forthcoming I.C.N. Congress in 1937—especially ladies from the Dominions—and everyone we spoke to evidently intended to attend and help welcome visitors and make it a real success.

Before the Garden Party, prizes in connection with the 1935-36 Session at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School were distributed by the Lord Mayor, Sir Percy Vincent, in the Governors' Hall, when Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer, said of recent work in connection with the hospital that the Riddell House, given to the hospital by Lady Riddell out of a legacy from her husband, Lord Riddell, would, he hoped, be completed by the end of the year. It would, when occupied, provide the opportunity of improving St. Thomas's Home for paying patients, which it was essential should be brought up to date and enlarged. In connection with the Home for the student nurses of St. Thomas's Babies' Hostel, the task of raising the amount required had been undertaken by Lady Laurie, and a pound day organised at the hostel had realised £535.

On Sunday, May 10th, a "Nurses' Sunday," organised by the Nurses' Christian Movement was held in the Anglican Cathedral at Perth, Western Australia, when 200 members of the Nursing Profession, the St. John's

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