

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES BY THE HON. NORMAN DAVIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

On the invitation of the Council of Bedford College for Women and the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, there was the usual large gathering, in the hall of the College, to witness the Presentation of Certificates to the International Students and to listen to Addresses from those invited to the platform, who were introduced to the audience by the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer of the Foundation.

In the absence of Madame Mayrisch de St. Hubert, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, spoke first of the International Council of Nurses, and referred to the world-wide interests represented by the Foundation and by those who came to take the courses of education provided by it from year to year. She spoke encouragingly to those starting out upon new activities at the termination of the 1937-38 term, and advised them, in all administrative and organising activities, never to forget that, before they sought to pull down anything existing, they should first be quite sure that they had a better scheme to take the place of that which was to be taken away.

Miss G. E. M. Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, stated that this year there had been 21 International Students, and in this number 12 different countries were represented. She referred to the value arising from the intercourse between students from all parts of the world; it was probably as useful in some respects as what was taught in the ordinary courses. Groups of such a kind as this were of great value in a college so long as these groups did not grow too large, and there was no danger of that in the present instance. Most of the students were themselves educators, and this made their intercourse of the greater value. She hoped that more and more International Students would come under the wings of the Foundation.

Address by the Hon. Norman Davis.

The Hon. Norman Davis, referring to the statement that 12 different countries were represented at Nightingale House this year, said that it was interesting to go further and to note that, since 1920, 46 nations had been represented there and, in all, there had been 317 students; he referred to the importance of such an institution in promoting peace in the world. The students must be influenced greatly by the character of the occupation that they were pursuing, by the ideals that it stood for and by the spirit dominating Nightingale House. Next he spoke at length of the influence of Florence Nightingale on the development of Nursing in America. He told how, after the great fire in Chicago in 1871, she had sent out her nursing manual to the people there with an inscription in her own handwriting, which he read to the audience. The hospital at Chicago and other hospitals in America were built with the help of much advice from her, and, at the present time, the manual he referred to was still in existence. At a certain hospital, when the nurses received their certificates at the close of their training each laid her hand upon this book and promised to carry on their professional work in the spirit of what she had written. This was a fine gesture of allegiance to the ideals of their profession.

Mrs. Draper (U.S.A.), a Vice-President of the Florence Nightingale Foundation, gave some account of the work that had been done for the Foundation in the United States, and stated that £400 sent towards its endowment had been the joint gift of the American Nurses' Association and the American Red Cross Society.

International Students, 1937-38.

The following Students then passed across the platform and were presented with their Certificates by the Hon. Norman Davis:—

- Miss Katherine Virginia Betzold, U.S.A.
- " Margaret Frances Buchanan, Canada.
- " Freda Helena Mildred Chapman, Gt. Britain.
- Mrs. Gladys Over Drabkin, U.S.A.
- Miss Olive Frances Griffith, Gt. Britain.
- " Florence A. Heaney, Gt. Britain.
- " Maria Hoogenboezem, Netherlands.
- " Maro N. Karaiossifidou, Greece.
- " Louise V. U. Lagercrantz, Sweden.
- " Claribel McCorquodale, Canada.
- " Inga Mahler, Denmark.
- " Thressa M. Mambuca, U.S.A.
- " Maisie Kathleen Miller, Canada.
- " Khorshed Nowroji, India.
- " Mary Mills Robertson, Gt. Britain.
- " Agnes Sinervo, Finland.
- " Margaret Dalrymple Smith, Gt. Britain.
- " Elisabeth Vostehn, Germany.
- " Loh-Loh Wang, China.
- " Ruth V. Wheelock, U.S.A.
- " Patricia Paget Whiting, South Africa.

Vote of Thanks Proposed by Students.

Miss Paget Whiting, from South Africa, made a graceful speech, expressing the thanks of the students for all that had been done for them, and this was seconded by Miss Loh-Loh Wang from China.

Later the company adjourned to partake of the tea provided for them by Bedford College.

"A LITTLE BIT OF OLD ENGLAND."

During the past sessions three American students have been in residence in Florence Nightingale International House, and have just completed the courses held at Bedford College, and before returning home they expressed a wish to call upon Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

A very interesting occasion resulted from this request. Thus Miss Ruth Wheelock (assistant to Miss Elnora Thomson, of Oregon, a true friend of progressive organisation of the Nightingale Foundation), Miss K. V. Betzold Mrs. G. O. Drabkin and Miss Thressa M. Mambuca, together with Miss Dorsey, accepted an invitation to tea at the British College of Nurses on June 14th. As good fortune would have it, Mrs. Munson, Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Nursing*, had arrived in London on that day, so together with our N.C.N. Student, Miss O. F. Griffith, completed a gay little party, welcomed by Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss Bushby, Miss Macdonald and Miss Bryson.

Mrs. Fenwick was pleased to show treasures—amongst them the complete file of 83 volumes of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which contains the history from its inception of National and International Nursing Organisation; the only file extant (saving that at the British Museum) of *The Nurses' Journal*, the short-lived official organ of the Royal British Nurses' Association; the inscribed four volumes of the first edition of "A History of Nursing," Nutting and Dock; the beautifully bound volumes of the lives of pioneer nurses, in the Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase: Florence Nightingale, Agnes Jones, Sister Henrietta of Kimberley, Catherine Grace Loch and Sister Dora.

The rooms in which the Congress Arrangements Committee of the I. C. N. did much of the organisation of the Eighth Quadrennial Congress, London, 1937, and many other interesting things.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)