

at St. Thomas's Hospital, and the genial hospitality of Miss Hillyers made them as happy as might be.

On July 5th, preceded by a small "octave" dinner party in the Matron's House, an "At Home" was held in the Nightingale School, where many colleagues were invited to meet members of the Board of Directors. This was a delightful party, at which the choir of nurses rendered in their clear, young voices lovely old English songs—one nurse excelling in an exhibition of grace on the light fantastic toe!

Every one was most hospitably entertained by the Sisters, whose becoming uniform, worn with exemplary neatness, gratified the love of precision associated with the efficiently trained nurse.

On July 6th, the ceremony of Presentation of Certificates to the students who had completed the International Courses at Bedford College, 1938-1939, took place, and had as guests members of the Board of Directors, who, with other guests, were later entertained to tea. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Miss G. E. B. Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, and by Miss B. G. Alexander, of South Africa. Count John Limberg Stirum, Netherlands Minister in London, presented the Certificates and gave an Address.

Votes of thanks were proposed by students, by Miss Janzon, Sweden, and by Miss van Voorthuysen, Netherlands.

The International Students who received certificates were as follows:—

Jadwiga Batycka	...	...	Poland
Annemarie van Bockhoven	...	...	Finland
Calista F. Banwarth	...	...	U.S.A.
Bianca Mary Beyer	...	...	Canada
Shui-yuin Chen	...	...	China
Florence Eddy	...	...	South Africa
Mildred Ellerker	...	...	Gt. Britain
Marion E. Gould	...	...	Gt. Britain
Liisa Hakola	...	...	Finland
Gudrun Hofman-Bang	...	...	Denmark
Astrid Janzon	...	...	Sweden
Lena Alma Koller	...	...	U.S.A.
Mariam Korah	...	...	India
Lucy G. Lillywhite	...	...	Australia
Vilhelmine Mierinsh	...	...	Latvia
Edith Helen Paull	...	...	India
Eileen M. Sambrook	...	...	Gt. Britain
Roksan S. Somersan	...	...	Turkey
Gunvor Tornøe	...	...	Norway
Theodora Turner	...	...	Gt. Britain
Roline L. van Voorthuysen	...	...	Netherlands

On the evening of July 7th, the Annual Dinner of the Old Internationals' Association took place at Bedford College. Princess Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary of the I.C.N., who had been elected President, was in the Chair. At this international function, representative students expressed thanks for a happy year of study, and regrets at its termination.

On July 8th, the Annual Meeting of the Association of Hospital Matrons was held in the Great Hall at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss H. Dey, the President, was in the Chair. After official reports, Miss Effie Taylor, President of the I.C.N., delivered an Address on the very controversial question: "The Position of the Assistant Nurse in the United States," from which it would appear that the disintegration of the Nursing Profession was already begun both in U.S.A. and Canada: cheap attendance on the sick to include domestic work being apparently the policy of Legislatures with power to licence nurses. We could have wished this foreshadowed doom of Nursing as a profession for educated women had been projected elsewhere than at time-honoured "Barts"! Behind the

Chair hung Holbein's historic portrait of Henry the VIIIth, strident, sinister, sanguinary! Meekly in this age of "appeasement," it would appear, aspirations and accomplishment were being brought to the block!

Miss Dey, ever an untiring hostess, had provided a sumptuous tea, unlimited strawberries and cream, in the serving of which the Sisters flitting around with grace and charm added additional sweetness.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Meetings of the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation were held at St. Thomas's Hospital, on July 10th, 11th, and 12th. Delegates attended from many countries, when Reports were presented and adopted.

Upon the termination of office as President of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss B. G. Alexander of South Africa was elected President of the Foundation, and Sir Arthur Stanley was re-elected Treasurer.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to consider the Constitution, met for the third time on June 30th.

The President was in the chair, and there were present: Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary; Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.; Miss G. V. Hillyers; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C.; Miss A. M. Bushby; Miss H. McLoughlin, and Miss I. Macdonald.

The Articles of the Constitution were considered *seriatim*. A number of amendments were agreed.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee be summoned for a final meeting in September to agree upon the Report to be submitted to the Executive Committee in October.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League was held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home of the Hospital, on Saturday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. The attendance, though very good, was not quite as large as usual.

Mrs. R. Swain (our new Hon. General Secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. A letter was then read from Mrs. Berens-Dowdeswell, S.R.N., expressing her strong disapproval of the Assistant Nurses' clauses in the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services.

The various reports, in their order on the Agenda, were read and adopted in the usual way.

Miss Helen Dey, Matron, was re-elected President, and presented with flowers. This was received with applause from the members. Mrs. Hadfield was also re-elected Hon. General Treasurer. The names of the four successful members elected to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee were then read out, and the retiring members were thanked for their valuable services given. The President proposed that the Constitution of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses be altered by the addition of the following clause:—

"In addition to the two Vice-Presidents as provided by Clause 5 of the Constitution, members of the League who

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