

"Florence Nightingale" Students

WELCOMED AT MAIDENHEAD BY THE
MAYOR AND MAYORESS.

Students from the "Florence Nightingale" international foundations from the Bedford College of Women, in London, visited Maidenhead on Wednesday morning last and were accorded a civic reception in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. W. Thomas). They had travelled down from town in a motor coach and on arrival were met by Dr. J. J. Paterson (Medical Officer of Health) and Mrs. Paterson and were escorted to the Council Chamber. Amongst those also present were Mr. L. R. F. Oldershaw (chairman of the Health Committee of the Town Council), and Mr. W. E. Harding (sanitary inspector). The Mayor on behalf of the town extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and Mr. Oldershaw also spoke. Replies on behalf of the students were made by Miss Fick (S. Africa) and Miss Kemal (Turkey). Before leaving for a tour of points of educational interest in the borough and district, light refreshments catered for by Mr. F. O. Brock (Queen-street), were served.

The students who formed the party and who were in charge of Miss Baggallay (tutor) were as follows:—The Misses Jean I. Masten and Christine C. Murray (Canada), Annette Pade (Denmark), Marie Demol (France), I. Barbara H. Renton (Great Britain), Margareta H. Sasburg (Holland), Ella M. Kopstad (Norway), Hendrika C. Fick (South Africa), Fatma Kemal (Turkey), Marian Zilley (U.S.A.), Gergana Balabanova (Bulgaria), Gretta Mac Kay Ross and Elizabeth Smith (Canada), Anne Krohn (Finland), Alice Clamageran (France), Elli Behrendt (Germany), Dorothy M. Dickinson and Pamela R. Williamson (Great Britain), Mirdza Veilands (Latvia) and Clara Grosskopf and Florence Norman (South Africa).

Dr. PATERSON said it was once more his very pleasant duty to introduce to the Mayor the international students from Bedford College. He was afraid he could not introduce them by name, but he would take them by nationality. Amidst much laughter he said there was one country he did not see represented and that was Scotland. (Voices: "Oh, yes, it is!" and "They are probably all Scots!") Dr. Paterson, amidst renewed laughter said "I thought the Scots would not be left out of it!" One item always included in the year's special course of training for these ladies was a visit to Maidenhead and the surrounding district for the purpose of seeing the sanitary and health arrangements that they had there. When they returned to their respective countries they took back with them a very pleasant and profitable memory of Maidenhead. There was one person he should like to introduce personally and that was Miss Baggallay, the tutor, but in plain English she was their guardian angel—(Laughter).

The "Lovely Town of Maidenhead."

The MAYOR said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the students to their lovely town of Maidenhead. The very thought that they represented Florence Nightingale was sufficient guarantee as to what they were really out for in their studies. He had had the pleasure of visiting many of the countries represented there that morning, but he had never been to France, and if he might say so he was confident that the ladies who represented that country, and also the other students, would take back with them to their native land some very useful

information to be used in any service in which they might be engaged in future. He wished them a most happy day there and he hoped they would go back to their different countries with good impressions of the English people.—(Applause).

Alderman OLDERSHAW said they always felt it an honour that students representing that foundation should come some time or other to Maidenhead and he hoped they would regard it as such. This international health movement had done more than anything else to unite the nations of the world.

Miss FICK, on behalf of the students, thanking the Mayor for his welcome, said they had heard a lot about Maidenhead and they were looking forward to their tour of the district very much, and when they returned to their countries they would always remember their brief stay there. She would also like to thank Dr. Paterson who was going to accompany them on their tour.

Miss KEMAL, in broken English, also returned thanks on behalf of her fellow students and herself. She said they were very pleased to come to Maidenhead and she was sure they would enjoy their visit very much.

The programme included a visit to North Town Cottages including the wells and water supply, Mr. Crisp's dairy farm, the Old Almshouses at Bray, the system of wet and dry scavenging at the sewage disposal works and an inspection of a cesspool emptier at work. In a break, the party adjourned to Mr. F. O. Brock's Queen-street restaurant for lunch.

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