



The group of "international students" for 1934-35 and their lecturers. Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, is in the centre. The names of students and countries will be found on page 687.

Florence Nightingale International Foundation Certificate Day

WEATHER makes a good deal of difference to the certificate day of the "international students." Summer frocks and summer hats are always nicer than even the best cut rain coats, and tea in Bedford College garden is more festive than tea in its refectory, however handsome and spacious the latter may be.

Pleasant, if windy, weather blessed this year's function, which took place on Thursday, July 4, with, as usual, Sir Arthur Stanley in the chair. (As Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, said later in the afternoon, constitutions might change, but the feeling that Sir Arthur should continue to preside was unanimous.) In the regretted absence of Dr. Ludwig Rajchman, director of the Health Section, League of Nations, a talk on the health work of the League was given by Dame Janet Campbell.

The Geneva Health Organisation

This health organisation at Geneva, said Dame Janet, was formed under the Covenant of the League of Nations. Some of its work was permanent, some special or temporary. One of its main objects was epidemiological—the international control of dangerous infectious diseases, and a special epidemiological centre now existed at Singapore to deal at close range with the more pressing problems of the East. Three main commissions had also been set up. The first dealt with the control of opium and narcotic drugs. The second was concerned with the standardisation of biological products. It was important, for instance, that the strength and quality of a vaccine or antitoxin should be the same whether you bought it in London, Paris or Rome. Then there was the control of malaria, which, if allowed to go unchecked, worked havoc with whole populations. This work on malaria included a more intensive study of the mosquito, the relative value of quinine and other drugs, methods of excluding the mosquito from houses, and so on. The third commission was concerned with education and training for health, and the installation of schools of hygiene. For this work they had been largely indebted to the generosity of the Rockefeller Trust.

Among the more general health activities of the League could be included such subjects as the study of tuberculosis, leprosy, maternity and child welfare, and the effects of the depression on health and nutrition generally. Rural hygiene and the setting up of health centres in villages to teach the prevention of disease was another speciality, and here the League realised how much

depended on the proper staffing of the clinic. Quite the most important member of the staff from the point of view of the people was the public health nurse. The people would benefit according to the qualities of the nurse and her preparedness for her task.

Students from Thirteen Countries

Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, having welcomed the principal guests individually, including representatives of the Ministries of Egypt and Latvia, said that she always found some things difficult to explain—the University of London, for instance, and the Constitution of the British Empire; and she had the same difficulty in explaining the "international courses." These courses could best be compared to some skilfully manufactured article. They were the result of a complex process of co-operation between people of varying skills, of varying geographical origins. This year twenty-one students had taken the course from thirteen countries. Ten of the students hailed from countries within the British Empire. This year, for the first time, a Turkish student had enrolled; it was also the first time for ten years that the group had included a student from the United States. Three of the students had achieved distinctions in all subjects, and many other distinctions had been awarded. Indeed there was only one cloud; this was the last year that Mrs. Reid would be with them as head of the Social Studies Department. Her name, however, would be perpetuated in the Helena Reid Fund to enable past students to return for a course of special study. Mrs. Reid's place was to be taken by Dr. Mess, who had done fine work on Tyneside in connection with the National Council for Social Service.

"Her Young Colleagues"

The twenty-one students then came up to receive their certificates at the hands of Dean Goodrich, who, in black academic gown with yellow hood, concluded with an address to "her young colleagues in nursing" on the wonderful opportunities for service that lay before them and the part that, sooner or later, the universities were bound to play in the education of the nurse.

Two students, Miss Murray from Canada and Miss Pade from Denmark, expressed their thanks to the speakers and to all who had made their year of study so enjoyable.

In addition to those who gave addresses the group on the platform included Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss Coode and Mrs. Reid.

Awake or Dreaming?

Impressions of the German Tour, June, 1935

The Brown House, headquarters of the National Socialist Party in Munich, which was visited by the College party during the tour. Any Nazi may take his meals at the restaurant in the basement.



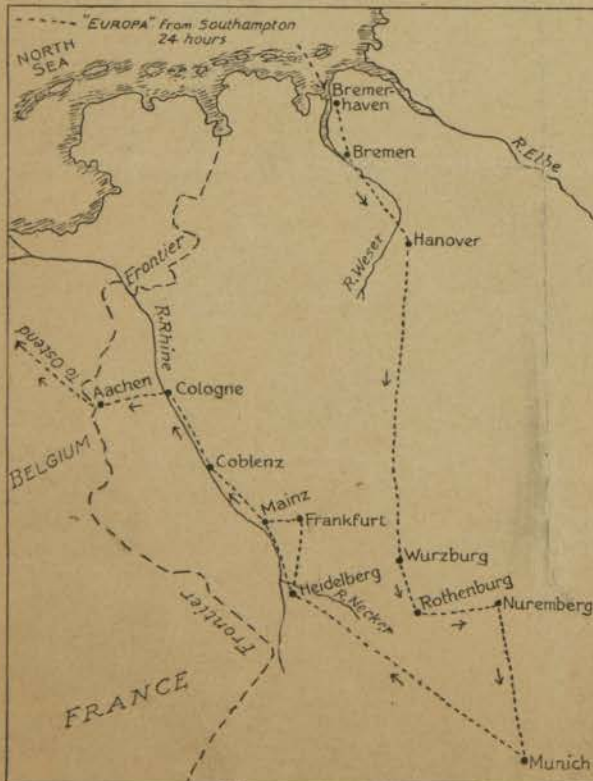
HERE we are again! We rub our eyes for more reasons than one when we sight the white cliffs of Dover at 4.45 a.m. The fortnight has gone like a flash, and the twenty-five members are indeed grateful to the College of Nursing for such a remarkably interesting tour through Germany—educational in the widest sense, without a doubt, and surpassing our wildest expectations.

Every facility was given to visit hospitals and training schools of various types, public health and other centres

of social work, especially those of a comprehensive nature connected with the Inner Mission of the Evangelical Church, and in spite of a full programme opportunities abounded for sightseeing also, enabling us to visit some of the finest art galleries, museums, castles and centres of great political interest. "Schopping," too, proved a strong rival attraction which was in no wise resisted, not to mention, at every turn, those furtive last moment purchases of "yet another post-card."

We realise how much work such a trip entailed for Miss H. Parsons, Director in the Education Department, Countess Hardenberg (late matron of the Friederikenstift, who is now Frau Baronin Knigge, and away on her honeymoon), Pastor Hustedt, our good friends at Hanover, and all those busy folk who spared us so much of their valuable time and who made such delightful arrangements for us throughout the tour.

In spite of an early start, we had a great send-off at Waterloo, and Miss Cross, of the Workers' Travel Association, most nobly turned out to speed us on our way, together with Miss Parsons, Miss McEwan and Miss Hawkins. Thrills were already in store for us when we boarded the tender at Southampton, and we soon sighted the gigantic "Europa," which welcomed us with strains from her band, while seaplanes roared overhead. Our "tourist" quarters were delightful, and we were almost sorry to reach Bremenhaven the following morning, for the trip was all too short to avail ourselves of the Europa's intriguing amenities—the cinema, the swimming bath, the gymnasium, etc.



A map showing the route taken by the party.

An Obliging "Foreign Body"

A tour of the ship proved quite a revelation, and included a visit to the bakery, kitchens, stores, dispensary, and hospital, and the efficiency of this was later to be tried out by one of us who obliged with a "foreign body" in the eye, just as the party was disembarking.

It was wonderful to be welcomed by Pastor Heyne, of the Bremen Settlement, who, nothing daunted, came on board and found us speedily, and we shall never forget the kindness shown by him, by Schwester Marie (the sister tutor all the way from the Friederikenstift), Pastor Frick and the sisters of the Diakonissenanstalt in Bremen who entertained us to lunch (was better gooseberry pie ever set before hungry mortals?) and arranged such a delightful half-day for us, including, as it did, a visit to the hospital and a tour of the interesting old sea-port.