

NURSING STUDENTS' VISIT

Students from all parts of the world attending a course of nursing training under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation (formerly the

Bedford College for Women), paid a visit to Maidenhead and district on Wednesday. They were received by Alderman L. R. F. Oldershaw, J.P., C.C. (chairman of the Health Committee), and after partaking of light refreshments they visited North Town Cottages (wells and water supply) and Purser's Dairy Farm, Cockham Dean. The party had luncheon at Brocks Restaurant, Queen Street, and in the afternoon they visited the old almshouses at Bray village; inspected the cesspool emptier in operation; visited the wet and dry scavenging disposal works, and concluded the tour by having tea at the Isolation Hospital.

ENGAGED IN NURSING WORK

Dr. J. J. Paterson (Medical Officer of Health), who conducted the tour, welcomed the students in the Mayor's parlour. He remarked that Mr. Oldershaw felt it a duty and a pleasure to meet what some people facetiously called "Dr. Paterson's foreign girls." (Laughter). These ladies were all engaged in some important work in the nursing world in their respective countries, under the wing of what was formerly known as the International Red Cross. This organisation had now been turned into a foundation in memory of Florence Nightingale, and a more worthy memorial could hardly be imagined. (Applause). The students went to Bedford College for a period of training in nursing and public health work, and in the course of their varied programme there was always included a visit to Maidenhead. During their visit he hoped they would see something not only of the sanitation system of the town and rural district, but also something of the domestic life. In the past there had been representatives from Iceland to Siam and all places in between. On this occasion the Empire was very strongly represented, but they were all welcome. (Applause).

A HOPEFUL ASPECT OF WORLD RELATIONS

Alderman Oldershaw apologised for the absence of the Mayor. Although Maidenhead was a small town, the townspeople were sufficiently enlightened to realise what important work was being done internationally by those interested in the fight for health throughout the world. It was one of the hopeful aspects of world relations that this union of the nations was fighting in the service of public health. They were delighted to recognise it in Maidenhead, and he hoped the students would make friendships during their stay in England, and have many happy recollections of this riverside town.

Miss H. C. Parsons (director in the Education Department of the College of Nursing) expressed the thanks of the students for the kind welcome. The visit to Maidenhead was one of the things which the international students looked forward to, and looked back upon with the greatest pleasure. She visited Maidenhead several years ago, and she remembered everything about that particular day. (Applause).

Miss N. L. Dorsey (Warden of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation) was in charge of the party.

Florence Nightingale Students

ACCORDED CIVIC WELCOME AT MAIDENHEAD.

In charge of Miss N. L. Dorsey (Warden of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation), a party of students who are attending a course of nursing training at this foundation, formerly the Bedford College for Women, and who came from all parts of the world, paid a pleasant and also profitable visit to Maidenhead on Wednesday last in pursuit of their itinerary. Arriving at the Guildhall shortly after 10 a.m., they were met by Dr. J. J. Paterson (Medical Officer of Health) and escorted to the Council Chamber where in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Councillor G. Redfern) they were given a cordial welcome by Alderman L. R. F. Oldershaw, J.P. (chairman of the Health Committee). Speeches were made and a few minutes given up to personal introductions, and light refreshments which were generously provided having been partaken of, the party again in charge of Dr. J. J. Paterson, set out on a visit to different parts of the borough. These included the North Town cottages (wells and water supply), Mr. H. J. Purser's Dairy Farm at Cannon Court, Furze Platt, the old Almshouses at Bray, inspecting the cesspool emptier in operation, and the wet and dry scavenging disposal works. Luncheon was partaken of at Mr. F. O. Brock's restaurant in Queen-street, and at the end of the tour tea was provided by the Matron (Miss Sephton) and staff at the Maidenhead Isolation Hospital.

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