

so it is only a brief resume we can give. The speaker mentioned the names of many on the other side of the water, some still fulfilling military duties, others discharged. Had she had time to dilate upon it there could have been a far longer list read of those prevented from attending by the influenza—one, indeed, was mentioned as having been "taken" only the night before, and there is not the faintest doubt that the majority of empty seats were thus caused.

Mrs. Kenneth Street seconded the toast—the healths were drunk, and right nobly did all join in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

LETTER TO THE COUNCIL.

The Principal, desiring the students should know what she has said, has requested that we should publish the following copy of a letter sent by her to Mrs. Fitzhardinge, and to be read to the College Council:—

The Women's College, University of Sydney,
Newtown, N.S.W., June 18, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Fitzhardinge,

Some time ago—in April—the Council passed a vote of thanks to the students in the Women's College for their work during the early outbreak of influenza. Before I go, I should like once more to bring before the notice of the Council their admirable service during a much severer outbreak. During the last few weeks there have been nursed in College some twelve or fourteen cases among the students themselves, some of them necessitating all-night watching, and all of them endless care and attention during the day. The nursing was chiefly done by the medical students, and as two of these were taken ill very early from an outside infection, the chief burden fell on Miss Philp, Miss Stuart, and Miss Bertram, until the last two took the infection in the course of their nursing. It was not till half the patients were well on the way to recovery that we succeeded in getting a nurse. And we owe her presence as well as the kindest medical help and advice to a former student, now Resident Pathologist at the P.A. Hospital, Dr. Mona Ross.

Apart from actual nursing, our Tutor and Bursar, Miss Ballantine, B.A., organised the other students to help generally, fetching and carrying trays, cooking invalid dishes, and in other ways. All day long, and until quite late at night,

one student or another would be found doing her study on the verandah or the stairs, ready to take a message or to fetch anything needed. Miss Ballantine herself fell a victim to the infection, but the organisation of help continued just the same. I do not single out names, though some stand out—the grateful patients will remember those. But I should like to convey to the Council what I shall always retain myself, an impression of generous, courageous, skilful, willing service. It will always be a source of intense pride and pleasure that my last recollections of the College should be of such fine character, such practical common-sense, and such ungrudging mutual help.

I should also like to bring before the notice of the Council that Miss Ida Scott Fletcher, daughter of the Master of Wesley, came over one night to sit up with a particularly anxious case, to relieve our own tired-out students.

Yours sincerely,

Louisa Macdonald.

PAST AND PRESENT.

Come you again or come no more
Across the world you keep the pride,
Across the world we mark the score.

—Newbolt.

Mrs. Wooster (Kitty Moir) returned from England recently after studying with a travelling scholarship at Girton, Cambridge. She travelled back with Dr. Emma Buckley, who has been engaged with important military work.

Flora Stewart (Macdonald) has been staying at College during the last few weeks, braving both the 'flu epidemic and multitudes of packing-cases.

Eileen Connor was married to Robert Gentle at St. Peter's Church, North Sydney, in the beginning of March.

Dr. Elma Sandford sailed by the s.s. *Ascanius* early in May. "Bonnie Scotland" is her first destination; there she intends studying in Edinburgh before leaving for her year with Dr. Flora Innes in India.