

INTRODUCTION OF MR. GIVEN - Dr. L. E. Hamlin

Before introducing our Keynote Speaker this evening, I should like to extend sincere greetings on behalf of the nurses to our guests and their wives from the Chicago Area who represent management of the Brake Shoe Company. I am sure most of you have already met Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins and Mr. and Mrs. Darke of the Ramapo Division; Mr. and Mrs. Ward of the Amsco Division; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Nettenstrom of the Forge Division. We are sorry Mr. and Mrs. Mullin of the Amsco Division were unable to be with us as planned.

We have been very happy also to have the wives of our guest speakers with us and hope that they have enjoyed their stay at Moraine-on-the-Lake.

Our thanks also goes to Mr. Walter Anderson, Editor of the Brake Shoe News who has been covering the publicity and news aspects of the conference. We believe this is a very important contribution to our program.

When we were discussing the program for this, the Third Brake Shoe Nurses Conference, last June we had no doubt as to who should be our keynote speaker. Aside from the fact that his memorable address at the 1948 gathering was still fresh in our minds and that his interest in our industrial nursing program was so well recognized, we hesitated to add to his busy schedule by asking Mr. Given to accept the assignment. However, we felt sure that if it were at all possible he would consent so the invitation was extended.

Mr. Given replied in his usual prompt, characteristic way that in spite of three previous appointments in New York, he would appear in Highland Park on the 16th of September "thirsty and hungry." We hope that the latter symptoms have now been amply taken care of.

It goes without saying that this gathering would not be complete without the presence of Mrs. Given and we are particularly happy to welcome her on this occasion. You have read the report of the Proceedings of the Second Nurses Conference held at Niagara Falls in 1948 at which I related the story of how she and Mr. Given "nursed the nurse" back to health. We have therefore always considered her one of our Brake Shoe "nurses" and hope she will feel right at home in the present assembly.

It is a matter of record that Mr. Given seldom visits a Brake Shoe plant without taking time out to drop in to the first aid department and talk to the nurse. It is this kind of thoughtfulness that means so much to our nursing program. His appreciation of the human interest stories from plant nurses reflects the deep concern for people for which he is so well known. It is therefore only natural that he should talk to you this evening about our nursing program and its opportunities - Mr. Given!