

The Colonial Nursing Association

THE MEMBERS BADGE.

The Badge of the Colonial Nursing Association, which we have pleasure in reproducing on this page, is carried out in bronze. The adoption of Britannia as the emblem of the Association is a happy one, and the acorn and oak leaves on the bar from which it is suspended may aptly typify the small beginnings from which the Association sprang, and the strength to which it has now attained.

Everyone who has followed the history of this now powerful Association knows that it owes its origin to Lady (then Mrs.) Piggott, who, when resident in Mauritius, was so concerned at the needless loss of life amongst Europeans there that she conceived the idea of an Association through which nurses should be supplied to Crown Colonies and Dependencies, the Colonies guaranteeing a certain sum to meet the necessary expense, but the Association undertaking the important duty of selecting the nurses and, if necessary, making in the first instance grants or loans for the establishment of nurses in new localities. The Association now selects the nurses sent out by the Colonial Office, and in all parts of the world nurses in connection with it are doing good work for those who, in response to Imperial calls are working in far away and often unhealthy regions, sometimes at the risk

of their lives from tropical and other diseases, a risk, however, appreciably lessened when they have access to Government Hospitals where Colonial Nursing Association nurses are at work, or where their services are obtainable as private nurses.

The Badge of the Association is the link which serves to unite these scattered units, and should increase the *esprit de corps* of the nurses by reminding them of the allegiance they owe, although their sphere of work may be in one of the outposts of Empire, to the Association at home, of which they should be proud to be members; of their comradeship one with another, for no two nurses wearing the Badge of the Association could meet and remain strangers—they would at once realise their sympathy of aim and unity of purpose; and, lastly, of the obligation to maintain the high ideals of the Association, because the

Badge is at once an honour and a responsibility—an honour, because it signifies that the wearer is the trusted officer of an important Association, a responsibility, because if she falls short in any way of the high standard of work and conduct which her Badge implies this is prejudicial not to herself alone, but to her fellow-members and to the Association under whose honourable banner she serves.

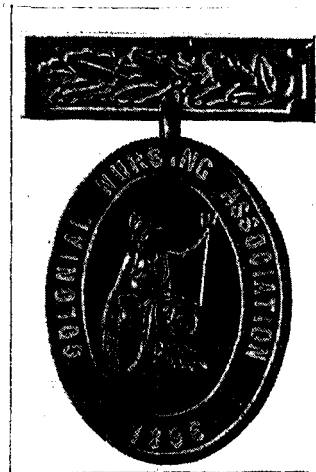
The Badge is also struck in silver, and is conferred on Nurses belonging to the Association who have completed five years and upwards of meritorious service, the bar in each case bearing the date of the first appointment.

The Colonial Nursing Association owes much to its President, Lord Ampthill, G.C.S.I., who, as Chairman of the Bedford County Hospital, is well acquainted with the value of well-trained nurses, and during his residence in India as Governor of Madras, has been brought into touch with the need for their services abroad. It was during his tenure of office in Madras that the Nursing Institute, which bears her name, and which is doing such good work at the present day in the Presidency, was founded by Lady Ampthill.

The work of the C.N.A. extends to places as far distant as Bangkok, Ceylon, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Japan, Mauritius, Oporto, South Africa, the Transvaal, and Shanghai, for which place, at the request of the Shanghai

Municipal Council, ten nurses have been selected during the past year for the Victoria Nursing Home. Nurses are also working at Tehran; at Venice, where a large number of British sailors are treated at the Cosmopolitan Hospital; in the three Government Hospitals at Zomba, Blantyre, and Fort Johnson, in Nyasaland, British Central Africa; and in British East Africa, at Mombasa, Nairobi, and Uganda. The erection of a hospital with accommodation for thirty patients at Nairobi is specially important, as the elevation of the place is high, and the climate healthy. As it is on the direct route to the interior, the hospital should have a great sphere of usefulness.

Nurses connected with the Association are also at work in the Falkland Islands, the Straits Settlements, the West Indies, Gibraltar, St. Helena, British Guiana, in Northern and Southern Nigeria, and on the Gold Coast.



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