

## NURSING ECHOES.

We have received the following message for insertion in this Journal, and comply with the request with pleasure.

"The Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., wishes to acknowledge greetings received, to which it is impossible to reply personally. To all her Officers, wherever serving, she sends good wishes for 1945."

## CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

January 3rd, 1945.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Your letter of December, 1944, has been received. I appreciate more than I can tell you your good wishes to the Canadian Nurses' Association and also the booklet on "Princess Elizabeth at Home," which we will treasure because of itself and because it has come from you.

May I extend to you the good wishes of our Association and our congratulations to you on your continued interest and energy in nursing affairs and to quote from your own letter, "May this New Year find us all on the upward path."

Very sincerely yours,

F. MUNROE, *President*,  
Canadian Nurses' Association.

Amongst our Christmas Greetings we have received the following inspiring message from Miss Marion Lindeburgh, recent President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, for which we thank her sincerely. This card, with others, has been filed and placed in the History Section of the British College of Nurses Ltd.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

I think of you so very often, and I follow very closely the contents of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

I do hope that some day we will see the ultimate good of many things. We must hold fast in the meantime, and we are re-affirmed at the Christmas time. "So long as there is a child, a song, a gift and a star"—a lovely bit of Christmas philosophy.

May God bless you.

MARION LINDEBURGH.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 127 nurses to be Queen's Nurses: 92 in England, 24 in Scotland, 5 in Wales and 6 in Northern Ireland.

At a recent meeting of the council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, at which special badges denoting 21 years' administrative service were presented, a discussion took place on the way in which the domiciliary nursing service could fit into the proposals made for the future national health service, and it was agreed that every possible effort should be made to maintain the voluntary character of the work.

Major George Trevor Harley Thomas, R.A.M.C. (retired), of Abingdon Court, W., bequeathed two books on hospitals by Florence Nightingale, which she gave to his father in 1863, "from a fellow-worker," and letters which she enclosed with the books, to the British Museum.

It would be well if other persons in possession of historic documents signed by Florence Nightingale,

would follow the excellent example of Major Thomas, and bequeath them to the nation.

The first meeting of the new Council of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 23, Portland Place, London, W., took place on January 26th, and we earnestly advise every reader of this Journal to study our remarks upon certain of its proceedings. The most important question, of course, is the one which was discussed *in camera*, the extension of premises which will, of course, if undertaken, necessitate a very large expenditure.

One wonders if the professional conscience in Great Britain has entirely evaporated.

We are, of course, awaiting the issue of the Balance Sheet of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for 1943-1944, so that we may have before us accurate information with regard to the expenditure in connection with the Nurses Act, 1943.

In *Nurses Near and Far*, an appeal is made this month for 145 Nurse Recruits for Overseas (the need is urgent) as follows:—

145 NURSE RECRUITS FOR OVERSEAS.	
Church Missionary Society	57
Methodist Missionary Society	30
Universities' Mission to Central Africa	15
Church of Scotland Foreign Missions	14
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	11
Church of England Zenana Missionary Society	8
Zenana Bible and Medical Mission	6
English Presbyterian Mission	4
London Missionary Society	Number unstated
Baptist Missionary Society	"

Many of these nurses are needed for service in India and Africa—three for supervision of lepers. There is room for nurses of different gifts and experience—a Sister Tutor, a Theatre Sister, Charge Nurses, District Nurse and Midwife; there is room for all.

It looks as if in the near future there would be a distinct advance in regard to the training of Africans as nurses, and stress is laid on the need for Sister Tutors and that new recruits should have the Midwives Teaching Diploma.

Miss L. Topping concludes the urgent appeal:—

"This great need is a heritage from the past N.C.M. pioneers, whose work has resulted in the present opportunities. I hope all our members will make this a matter of prayer and that they will pass on the knowledge of this urgent need."

We have to thank the Editor of the Journal of the Society for Registered Male Nurses for a copy of his excellent Journal for January, 1945.

We have read it with interest because we always realised when Male Nurses began to organise they would do it on a thoroughly sound business footing and would succeed in protecting, not only their own interests, but those of the Profession of Nursing.

So far as we can gather Registered Male Nurses are not compelled to compete professionally with Assistant Male Nurses or any other semi-trained class, as women nurses have done, and we have no doubt that this organisation will carefully prevent de-grading its Registered status.

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