

Nursing Echoes.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE was despatched to Her Majesty Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of her birthday:—

"On behalf of all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps throughout the world I humbly offer your Majesty, our Colonel-in-Chief, with an assurance of our devoted loyalty, the warmest congratulations on the occasion of your Majesty's birthday."

*Matron-in-Chief and
Director of Army Nursing Services."*

The following gracious reply was received:—

"BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF AND DIRECTOR OF ARMY NURSING SERVICES, WAR OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.1.

My heartfelt thanks to you and all ranks of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps for your most kind message of loyalty and congratulations for my birthday.

*MARY R.
Colonel-in-Chief"*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has graciously consented to become Patron of the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare.

The annual conference on maternity and child welfare was held at Church House, Westminster, S.W.1, June 25th, 26th and 27th. The general theme of the conference was "The Wastage of Child Life Before and After Birth." The speakers included the Minister of Health, the Right Hon. I. Macleod, M.P.; Professor Fraser Brockington, Director of Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Manchester; Professor T. McKeown, M.D., Ph.D., D.Phil., Department of Social Medicine, University of Birmingham; Professor Dugald Baird, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.O.G., Regius Professor of Midwifery, University of Aberdeen; J. Marshall Scott, O.B.E., T.D., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G., Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, The Whittington Hospital, N.19 and Dr. Margaret Hadley Jackson, D.Obst. R.C.O.G., J.P., Medical Officer Exeter Infertility Clinic.

A SPECIAL DONATION of £500, "intended as a tribute to the memory of the late King George the Sixth," has been received by the National Association for Mental Health from the Clothworkers' Company.

In a letter accompanying the donation, the Clothworkers' Company state that it should be utilised "for the relief of poverty in general (particularly where combined with old age and affliction)."

This special donation has been voted by the Court of the Clothworkers Company in addition to a grant of £1,000 to the Association, payable in five annual instalments of £200, which was voted in 1950.

IT IS ANNOUNCED by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain that the residence for International and British Nurses known as "Burleigh House" at 173, Cromwell Road, London,

S.W.5, has been renamed "Florence Nightingale House"—a more appropriate name for the work carried on there in honour of Britain's famous nurse.

AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC to collect Queen Victorian pennies and halfpennies to aid district nursing funds in London was made on Thursday, May 29th, by Sir Harold Kenyon, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Central Council for District Nursing in London. He revealed that approximately 457 million pennies and 360 million halfpennies were issued between 1860 and 1901.

"If all the available Victorian pennies and halfpennies were collected for district nursing funds, we should benefit to the extent of some £2,654,166," he said.

Sir Harold, who was speaking at the annual meeting of the Council at the County Hall, Westminster, said that the scheme was a direct link with the Victorian era when district nursing first began.

"Collections of Queen Victorian pence will help us to obtain that part of our income which we must raise by voluntary subscription," he said. "In this connexion, few realise that we still retain our voluntary status and that we must raise a considerable sum of money each year to keep us free and independent."

The appeal is being made to help district nurses in the County of London to give even greater assistance to those who need nursing in their own homes.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AND REUNION of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at 3 p.m.

All past members of the Nursing Staff will be welcome.

THE ANNUAL REUNION of all former members of the Nursing Staff of the Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, London, S.W.6, will be held on SATURDAY, 30th August, 1952, from 2.30 p.m. A Garden Fête and Sale of Work, also a Jumble Sale, will be held on that date.

All former Nurses are welcome and Matron would be delighted to receive gifts for the sale of work.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE has accepted an invitation from the Corporation of Hastings to hold the 1953 Health Congress in Hastings from Tuesday, 28th April, to Friday, 1st May, inclusive. Forty nations were represented at the 1952 Congress, which was attended by 2,140 experts on health. Amongst them were five delegates from the Soviet Union specially charged with the mission of investigating British public health methods.

TENDING WOUNDED MEN evacuated from Korea, a Queensland nursing sister, Lou Marshall, of Nambour, has been nearly 600 hours in the air. She has taken more than 1,000 men in Royal Australian Air Force ambulances, across to Japan.

Last year she made five air trips back to Australia with wounded Australians. In the trips across to Japan her patients were Canadians and South Africans, Britons and Turks, Belgians and Indians, New Zealanders and Australians.

"No matter how badly they are wounded," Sister Marshall said, "they are always cheery and joking. They are always worried if they think they are putting the Sisters to any trouble."

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