

CAROL

See Him there in yonder crib,
 Ox and ass their vigil keep;
 Do not touch Him—do not call,
 Lest you wake Him from his sleep.
 He is but a little Child,
 Born to us this heavenly day;
 Holy Babe, so meek and mild,
 Slumber sweetly, while we pray.
 Gold and frankincense and myrrh,
 Gracious gifts on him bestow;
 This then be my Christmas prayer,
 Help me God, thy Son, to know.
 Let not envy stir my heart,
 Be life's blessings what they may;
 Love and Hope to all impart,
 On this happy Christmas Day.

DOROTHY RICHARDS.

Nursing Echoes.

TWO OFFICERS OF Q.A.R.A.N.C. were present at Scutari, Turkey, on 4th November, 1954, to take part in the celebrations to mark the centenary of the arrival of Florence Nightingale in the Crimea.

These officers, Lt.-Colonel E. M. Somerville, A.R.R.C., and Major P. C. Stewart, R.R.C., flew from the Canal Zone in Egypt to present to the modern Turkish Military Hospital at Scutari a photograph of Florence Nightingale and a plaque depicting the badge of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps. Colonel Somerville made a short speech in French before the presentations and later toured the hospital and the original barracks which the "Lady with the Lamp" used as her hospital.

MISS PAT HORNSBY SMITH, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, gave pleasure to the nursing staff when she presented prizes at the Brook Hospital, Woolwich, recently.

She impressed upon her audience that nursing "is a profession and not a mere job. It offers a career for your whole life and security and diversity in that career, with the wide scope offered to the trained nurse in hospital, industrial, local authority, or even Colonial nursing.

"Nursing, no less than medical practice, cannot stand still. There are so many new discoveries and innovations in medical science and in nursing techniques and developments, that every nurse must try throughout her professional life to keep abreast of everything that is relevant to her work.

"There are today an increasing number of refresher courses available to trained nurses and midwives, and I hope you will take every advantage of any refresher course that is offered to you in the years ahead."

THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION announces the appointment of Miss Rita MacIsaac to the staff of National Office as Assistant Secretary (bilingual).

Miss MacIsaac is a graduate of the School of Nursing, University of Ottawa, with Certificate in Public Health Nursing from that school, and Certificate in Administration and Supervision in Public Health Nursing from School of Nursing, University of Toronto.

Miss MacIsaac has had experience with the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada and with the Official Health Agency in staff, supervisory and administrative capacities. Her most recent position was that of Senior District Supervisor with the Department of Health, City of Ottawa.

She is of French-Canadian and Scottish Ancestry and speaks both French and English fluently.

THE CATHOLIC NURSES GUILD OF GREAT BRITAIN held its Annual General Meeting in Harrogate on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9th and 10th, 1954, where Catholic nurses gathered together in conference from all parts of Great Britain and the Channel Islands. At the meeting on Tuesday, a new National President, Miss Josephine Mullan, S.R.N., (Matron of Beechmount Maternity Hospital, Salford), was elected, and Miss Norah Cassidy, S.R.N., Matron of the Newton Abbot Hospital, Devon, was elected Vice President. His Lordship Bishop Craven, Auxiliary of Westminster and Spiritual Advisor to the Guild, was in the Chair. For the first time in the history of the Guild, a member of the Hierarchy was appointed as Spiritual Director, and the nurses were sensible of the honour thus accorded to them. Much business was discussed and the general meeting was lively and most ably directed by His Lordship.

In the evening a Civic Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate was held in the Lounge Hall, and it was a most happy, informal and distinguished gathering.

The highlight of the proceedings on Wednesday was a Special Lunch at which His Lordship the Bishop of Leeds (Dr. Heenan) presided. Guests included His Grace the Archbishop of Liverpool (Dr. Godfrey), the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate; D. Payne, Esq., M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Medical Officer of Health); and Neville Knox, Esq., (Town Clerk), and the Speakers for the afternoon's conference.

The Catholic Nurses of this country are slowly getting into their stride, and we hope that in the very near future they will take an active part in shaping the affairs of their profession, for such active participation is long overdue.

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by Gladys M. Hardy, S.R.N., D.N.(Lond.).

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