

Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother, has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 250 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 203 in England, four in Wales, 38 in Scotland and five in Northern Ireland.

THE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF CHINA, which functions in Formosa, now regularly publishes a Nurses' Journal similar to the one that used to be published on the mainland. A copy of each now comes to our office.

The most recent one shows illustrations of the beautiful and colourful ceremony of the Nurses Festival, held on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, May 12th, 1955, in the city of Taipeh, capital of Formosa.

On the beautifully decorated platform stood a statue of this great lady holding aloft her lamp. The statue had been made in Taipeh, and it stood on a plinth arranged in tiers. Each tier was bordered with glowing candles and there were flower-decorated arches of lighted candles also, as well as banks of massed flowers.

Among the fifteen-hundred people present, were three-hundred graduate Nurses and six-hundred student Nurses, and over six-hundred guests.

A high official presided and gave a stirring and challenging address to the Nurses, pointing to the example of Florence Nightingale.

The programme included the hymn "Jesus bids us shine," adapted for Christian Nurses and the third verse gave thanks for the light of health and healing that had been given through the life and work of Miss Nightingale.

There was also a song written especially in praise of Miss Nightingale.

The First Lady of the Land, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, sent an address to be read, as she could not be there in person to read it.

One recalls these lovely and happy functions that were such a feature of the nurses' life in earlier days in China, and rejoices that nursing is so well being carried on and its traditions honoured in what is now the capital of Free China, and indeed throughout the island.

There is also a report in the Journal that an official of the American Institute of Medical and Nursing Education presented scholarships to the successful candidates. Applicants were required to have completed six years of secondary education. Over 500 took the examination, of whom 180 were chosen. Of these 90 would go to Schools of Nursing. The scholarships were valued at one-thousand gold dollars each, which included travel to and from the United States, the fees, allowances, etc., for the three years course.

WE WELCOME a copy of *International Nursing Review*, the journal of the International Council of Nurses, Vol. 2, No. 2, with its bright red cover and picture of "Ship of the Desert."

This issue for October, 1955, contains 77 pages, a few fine illustrations and articles in English, French and German; news of activities of the International Council of Nurses, and nursing work carried on in many parts of the world.

Especially were we pleased to see an article on "The Frontier Nursing Service of Kentucky," a service in

which this journal has been keenly interested since its inception.

The editor of the *Review* is Miss Daisy C. Bridges, and Assistant Editor, Miss Alice C. Sher.

THE MARCHIONESS OF READING has accepted an invitation from the Royal Society of Health to preside over its 1956 Health Congress to be held at Blackpool from April 24th-27th.

DR. MACDONALD CRITCHLEY, the neurologist, is to visit Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, under the auspices of the British Council and at the invitation of the Neurosurgical Societies of those countries whose guest he will be. He leaves by air on November 2nd and his tour will last until December 7th.

He will lecture on neurology to medical audiences in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Santiago.

Dr. Critchley, who is consulting neurologist to a number of London hospitals and to the Royal Navy, has lectured in many universities at home and abroad. He is President of the British Branch of the International League against Epilepsy and will be the British Vice-President of the Sixth International Congress of Neurology to be held in Brussels in 1957.

THE TWO SUCCESSFUL candidates in the election recently held for the Mental Nurses Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales were Mr. J. E. Soley and Mr. L. B. Dexter. The unsuccessful candidates were Mr. E. Dawson, Mr. T. J. McKenna, Miss M. Wallace, Mr. E. J. Rogers, Miss G. M. Bradley, Mr. W. K. Newstead, Miss E. Gibson, Mr. R. A. Pitman, Miss M. D. Gourdie, Mr. H. F. E. Hope, Mr. R. V. Cole and Miss B. A. C. Michell.

NURSES FROM HOSPITALS in and around London formed a guard of honour for Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour and National Service, and Mr. Iain Macleod, Minister of Health, when they opened the Mental Health Exhibition at the Central Hall, Westminster, on 7th November.

Called "A Challenge," the Exhibition aimed at dispelling misunderstanding and ignorance about mental illness and mental deficiency and by showing the interest and satisfaction in nursing in these fields it was hoped that recruitment of staff might be stimulated.

The Exhibition was both pictorial and practical. Sister tutors gave demonstrations of nursing techniques and equipment, and examples of the latest electrical apparatus in use in mental hospitals were on display. There was a reproduction of a day room of a mental hospital and a representative display of occupational therapy work. Models of new mental hospitals and units planned or under construction were on show.

Mental Nursing Officers of the Ministry of Health and Technical Nursing Officers of the Ministry of Labour were present to answer questions.

The Exhibition was open from the afternoon of Monday, 7th November, to Saturday, 12th November.

DR. ALBERT PARKER, C.B.E., has been installed as Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Health.

Dr. Parker, who is Director of the Fuel Research Station, Greenwich, lives at Northwood, Middlesex.

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