

Hospital, Toronto; and Miss L. R. Aikman, R.N., from Winnipeg, Manitoba, trained at the General Hospital, Winnipeg; sent by the respective local branches of the Canadian Red Cross Society. We have pleasure in publishing an illustration of the Canadian nurses on page 409.

Before leaving Liverpool Street for Tilbury the nurses were presented with a posy of roses, those for Miss Jacobs being exquisite Karl Druschki and Mme. Abel Chateney, bearing the inscription "From Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, and the members of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to their Canadian colleagues. Bon voyage." The blooms for each nurse were also the fragrant Mme. Chateney. This little attention apparently gave great pleasure.

Two charming registered nurses from New Zealand, Miss M. Collins, and Miss Higginson were also of the party. We do not wonder that Mrs. Moncreiffe, for whom its members were selected at St. John's Gate' asked that these capable colonials might be included.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

At Buckingham Palace, on Thursday, May 6th, the King decorated Sister Mary B. Bennet of the Royal Naval Nursing Service, with the Royal Red Cross, awarded to her for her services in helping to restore the exhausted and the apparently drowned on the occasion of the wreck of the hospital ship *Rohilla* off Whitby last November.

MISS NIGHTINGALE'S BIRTHDAY.

The late Miss Florence Nightingale was not only a stupendous force for order, but a spiritual militant, and it goes without saying therefore that she was a suffragist when opprobrium was hurled at the movement. All progressive women's societies, therefore, naturally wish to honour her birthday, May 12th, and thanks are due to the Women's Freedom League, which has this year taken the initiative. As we go to press an impressive little ceremony is taking place in Waterloo Place, where the following societies will lay wreaths at the foot of her statue: The International Council of Nurses (of which she was an hon. member), whose wreath is composed of mauve irises and crimson roses, the Actresses' Franchise League, Women's Emergency Corps, Women Teachers' Franchise Union, United Suffragists, Society of Women Journalists, Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, The Church League for Women's Suffrage, Women Writers' Suffrage League, Liberal Women's Suffrage Union, and, of course, the Women's Freedom League.

At the evening meeting in Essex Hall, E.C., Miss Anna Munro will take the Chair, and many eloquent women are announced to speak. The following resolution will be proposed by Mrs. Marion Holmes and seconded by Surgeon-General Evatt: "That this meeting places on record its deep appreciation of the immense services rendered to the nation by Florence Nightingale, and the tremendous object lesson given by her in the value of women's work in all national affairs."

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Our wounded have been coming all the week from the Dardanelles to Egypt and Malta, and to the latter island large units of nurses have been sent from England, as the resources of the island to meet nursing requirements are very limited.

The island of Malta has many titles to fame, not the least that from 1530 to 1798 it was the headquarters of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, and a beautiful church in Valetta still bears their name. Now once again Malta is to be the scene of active work for the sick and wounded for the wounded men from the Dardanelles are being removed there, and hospitals to meet the needs of the situation are being arranged with all speed. His Excellency the Governor, Field Marshal Lord Methuen, speaking recently in public, said that Malta would strain itself to the utmost to afford all possible succour to our suffering and matchless soldiers.

Miss Millicent Acton, Matron of the Lewisham Infirmary, who since August last has acted as Matron of the 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, on Monday last left for Malta as Matron of a party of nurses from the same hospital, where they will nurse the sick and wounded troops from the Dardanelles.

Miss E. M. Lusted and Miss B. M. Campion, members of the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, who have been working at the 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill, also left for Malta the same day.

Miss Maude A. Buckingham, Matron of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, has been released by her committee for the duration of the War to take up the post of Matron at the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital, Northfield (late Hollymoor Asylum), 624 beds. This Hospital is expected to be open early in June. Miss Buckingham would like applications from any Sisters or Nurses who have worked with her. The nursing staff will be members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. for the time being, and receive the pay and allowances of that Service, viz., Sisters £50, Nurses £40 yearly. Applications to be sent in the first place to Miss Buckingham at the Queen's Hospital.

A nurse who has come from New Zealand to offer her services to the sick and wounded is much concerned to find that they are not accepted by the military authorities because she has not the necessary certificates. Nurses in New Zealand are now registered, and, undoubtedly, the accepted standard must be that of a registered nurse, but considering the many women with a few months, and even weeks, training, who are being utilised at the present time, we have some sympathy with this nurse in her disappointment that no corner can be found for her in any capacity.

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