

NURSING ECHOES.

Considerable progress has now been made with the scheme for a National Memorial to Queen Alexandra, for which £154,000 has already been collected. The Memorial is to take the form of a fund to augment the work of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, a relatively small part of the money raised is to be used for the erection of a visible memorial to the late Queen and its character has been deputed by the King to a special committee, consisting of the Duke of Portland, Lord Crawford and Balcarres, Lord Howe, Lord Knutsford, Sir Harold Boulton, Sir Henry Streatfeild, Sir Lionel Earle, Lady Kenmare, and Lady Haig.

It would have been a graceful act to have included a representative of the Queen's Nurses on this Committee. Perhaps it is not too late. It is their invaluable work for the benefit of humanity which Queen Alexandra appreciated so much, and which has been considered worthy of recognition in connection with the Memorial.

The presentation at Leeds to Princess Mary of Ribbons of Remembrance, each containing ten £1 Treasury Notes for the Memorial Fund, was an impressive ceremony. As the engraved programme indicated, the keynote of the gathering was thanksgiving for a beautiful and useful life.

The Duke and Duchess of York will sail away next month on the *Renown* for a six months' visit to Australia (to open the new Parliament House at Canberra) New Zealand, and other parts of the world, which are knit together under the Crown, the peoples of which Dominions are preparing a hearty welcome for the King's second son and his popular Duchess. On great Continents and Islands wherever they may land, we believe British nurses will be found at the post of duty; and we have no doubt in the Commonwealth of Australia and in New Zealand their well-organised National Associations will take part in presenting special Addresses of Welcome to Their Royal Highnesses. Our Royal Family takes such an intimate part in approving high

standards of nursing at home that we feel sure the Duke and Duchess will desire to come into touch with our colleagues wherever they go.

The Co-operation of Nurses of the North, which holds its annual Congress in the Scandinavian countries in rotation, met this year in Sweden. By the kindness of Sister Bertha Wellin, M.P., President of the Swedish Nurses' Association, we have received a picture of the interesting group, which appears on this page, of distinguished nurses whom many British nurses have met and admire. Miss Charlotte Munck, Matron of the Bispebjergs Hospital, Copenhagen, President of the Co-operation; Mrs. Thorvaldson, President of the Icelandic Nurses' Association (better known to us as Miss Sigridur Eirikss); Sister Bergljot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association; Miss E. Astrom, President of the Nurses' Association of Finland; and Sister Bertha Wellin, M.P., President of the Swedish Nurses' Association, a notable group which will have an honoured place in the portrait album of the British College of Nurses.



Sister Bergljot Larsson, Norway. Miss Charlotte Munck, Denmark. Mrs. Thorvaldson, Iceland. Sister Bertha Wellin, M.P., Sweden. Miss Astrom, Finland.

A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED NURSES.

War, and will, we feel sure, be attended by nurses from all over Europe, and let us hope by representatives from farther afield. The last week of July should prove a convenient season, as holidays are then enjoyed by many nurses. The Executive Committee of our National Council will have the matter in hand, in so far as this country is concerned, and we have every hope that its members will take part in the Conference, and give it every support. Geneva is conveniently near—only a twenty-four hours' journey—and not too expensive a trip; and Switzerland at all times of the year hath charms.

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