

NURSING ECHOES.

Members of the nursing profession are rejoiced that the King has been permitted by his medical advisers to go to Sandringham, which means that they are satisfied with His Majesty's condition. The King's love of his Norfolk home is well known, and we may hope that in the bracing air, and lovely sunshine his convalescence will be completed.

Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge) Missionary Guild is a very live Association and already supports two beds in Indian hospitals, one named "Addenbrooke" and the other "Agnes Olivier," at St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi. It is now raising a Fund, to which already between £60 and £70 has been subscribed, as a Mary Cureton Memorial, and as a result of the Annual Sale of work there was a substantial balance of £27 to place to this Fund. Miss Cureton, as most of our readers know, was for many years the much loved Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and it was during her Matronship that the Addenbrooke's Missionary Guild was founded, the endowment of a bed in her memory in the hospital in which she took so deep an interest thus appears very appropriate. Donations are not restricted to members of the Guild, and may be sent to Miss E. M. Francis, Longstanton, Cambridge.

During the Congress week at Montreal, though not of it, an incident of special interest took place when the gift of American nurses for the right wing of the Florence Nightingale School of Nurses at Bordeaux was presented to representatives of the School.

The American Journal of Nursing gives a moving account of this touching ceremony.

Dr. Anna Hamilton, founder of the Bordeaux School has (as we know) been critically ill. It was thought, however, that she might be well enough to receive the news, made public in Montreal, that the American Nurses' Association had "gone over the top" and that her school would receive the sum of money necessary to complete the memorial to American nurses who gave their lives in the Great War.

It was at a charmingly appointed luncheon at the Mount Royal Hotel where the national colours of the United States of America which are also those of France, dominated the scene, that the presentation was made. Only those intimately concerned were present. At the head of the table was Miss Clayton, President of the American Nurses' Association with Mlle. Hervey and Mlle. Rossignol, graduates of the Bordeaux School on her right and left; and the officers of the American Nurses' Association; at the opposite end of the table was Miss Noyes, the Chairman of the Committee.

It was a profoundly moving occasion, made the more poignant by Dr. Hamilton's grave illness. In making the announcement, Miss Clayton referred to the long standing friendship between the two republics. In her acceptance, Mlle. Hervey showed deep emotion when she expressed the gratitude of her school and told the little group that Dr. Hamilton had recently said: "I am at the end of my time, but it is all right. The school will be finished." Mlle. Hervey spoke of Dr. Hamilton's extraordinary courage and the vision which had made possible the development of the school.

Mlle. Hervey is not only Director of Public Health Nursing in Rouen, she is also a member of the Board of Nurse Examiners, but recently established through the brilliant leadership of Mlle. Chaptal, President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France and the new President of the International Council of Nurses.

Everyone spoke little, restrainedly, because they meant so deeply what they said. Emotion ran high as the American nurses thought of those whom they were commemorating and of those nurses from all over the United States whom they represented in presenting the gift. The French nurses, also, were too moved to say much, but they sent their message to the nurses of the United States. They wished the American nurses told that the Bordeaux School nurses tried never to forget that they were the living memorials of the American nurses who had given their lives, and that their work was a dedication to the principles for which those others had stood.

It is a splendid memorial, finely conceived, and under Miss Noyes' leadership brought to so successful a conclusion that more than the amount required was ultimately raised.

Miss Breay has secured many interesting photographs and souvenirs of the I.C.N. and Congress which she generously intends to make gifts to the National Council of Nurses, and to the British College of Nurses' Nursing History Section. Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Director of the National Council of Nurses has also presented to it a large photograph of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. taken below the Peace Tower at Ottawa, with the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in the centre.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, M.B.C.N. writes:—

On the 8th of August, I was one of the numerous guests, invited by Miss Marks, the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Preston, to witness the opening of the new wing, by Princess Mary, and as I was one of the oldest Nurses trained there, I was naturally very enthusiastic about the whole event. There was also to be a reunion of Nurses.

We were favoured with good weather for the Royal visit. The morning had been cloudy and showery but before the appointed time, the clouds had rolled away and one and all were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Princess. Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman and Mrs. Foster, and the Band played "God save the King." Sister Slater (on behalf of Miss M. H. Foster) asked Her Royal Highness to accept a bouquet. Then followed the presentation of the House Surgeon of our day—Dr. F. W. Collinson, J.P., now Vice-President and Hon. Consulting Surgeon, and many others.

We had a splendid view of all the proceedings, and after Her Royal Highness left, we had a chat with Dr. Collinson, and introductions to Miss Marks, and Miss Rossiter, the Assistant Matron, both of whom are charming ladies.

On the evening of the Royal visit, we had our reunion and the founding of a League of Nurses. Miss Rossiter was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and is a member of their League. Ours is founded on similar lines. Therefore for the future we shall have our reunions which will be a great source of pleasure to us.

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