

NURSING ECHOES.

Our readers will gather from the report of the Special Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, inserted on another page, that great interest has been aroused in "Nightingale Week," to be held in London from July 4th to 9th next. Our guests will include Mlle. Chaptal, President of the International Council of Nurses, and Miss C. Reimann, Secretary; Mlle. Hellemans, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses and Chairman of the Congress Committee on Programme Paris-Brussels Congress 1933; Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chief, Nursing Division, League of Red Cross Societies, Paris; Mrs. Strong, President, Scottish Nurses' Association; Miss Grace M. Fairley, Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, Vancouver, nominated by the President to represent the Canadian Nurses' Association; a representative American Nurse, nominated by the President to represent the American Nurses' Association; Miss Venny Snellman, President of the National Council of Nurses of Finland, Inspector of Nursing Education, State Board of Health, Finland; Miss D. Nikodimova, nominated by the President of the Bulgarian Nurses Association.

Nosokomos, the National Association of the Nurses of the Netherlands, is nominating a delegate, also the Irish Free State, and we hope other countries will also be represented.

The week's programme is already well filled with interesting events, and will open with a Conference at the Headquarters of our National Council, 39, Portland Place, on the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Scheme, to which much consideration has been given by representatives of the International Council of Nurses and of the League of Red Cross Societies. Luncheon at the United Nursing Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, offered to International Guests by the President of the National Council of Nurses, and a Dinner and Reception in the evening.

The outstanding events of the week will be the Inaugural Meeting of the Nightingale Foundation in the Governors' Hall at St. Thomas's Hospital in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 6th, the Presentation of Certificates to the International Students at Bedford College on July 7th, and a visit of homage to the grave of Florence Nightingale at East Wellow, when flowers will be placed on her grave, and a visit to the home of her youth at Embley Park, where the Party is invited to take tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield; the Royal British Nurses' Association, the College of Nursing, the British College of Nurses, the Matrons' Council, the Hospital Matrons' Association, the Matrons of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of Guy's Hospital and the London Hospital, and many other kind people have offered hospitality, so that already wide interest is being aroused in the proposal to express the universal love and veneration for Florence Nightingale by endowing our international educational Foundation in her memory.

The Presentation of Certificates to the students who have completed the International Courses will take place at Bedford College, University of London, on July 7th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, Miss G. E. M. Jebb, M.A. Cantab, Principal of Bedford College, and Miss Venny Snellman, Secretary of the Nursing Advisory Committee, Finnish Red Cross, Inspector of Nursing Education, State Board of Health, Finland, herself an International Student of the 1921-1922 Session, will give addresses.

After the Ceremonies a Reception will be held in the beautiful grounds of Bedford College, for which delightful function members of the International Council of Nurses who will be in London for "Nightingale Week" have received invitations, so that they may realise the valuable scope of the work being carried on in London, financed by the League of Red Cross Societies, work which it is hoped in the future the International Council of Nurses and the League may unite to maintain and extend.

The Annual Meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing was held at the Offices, 58, Victoria Street, S.W.1. on March 16th.

During 1931, 499 Queen's Nurses were enrolled, this number being the largest in any year since the foundation of the Institute.

The Institute ended the year with a deficit of £640 and it is difficult to see how this invaluable work could have been carried on, had it not been for the amount raised by the National Gardens Scheme. Through the generosity of the Owners, 1,087 gardens were open to the public, and a number of houses of historical interest, with the result that £10,173 was raised for district nursing, nearly £60 more than in 1930. The money was divided between the Institute and the County Nursing Associations; the Institute's share was £4,311.

The total number of nurses working in connection with the Institute on December 31st, 1931, in England Scotland, Ireland and Wales was 7,165, while the number of Nursing Associations affiliated to the Queen's Institute was 1,549.

For list of Gardens and dates on which they will be open, or for booklet with list and illustrations, price 1s. 2½d. post free, apply to: The Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 58, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

On view day at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Miss Peggy Salaman opened the Nurses' Garden, which has been made with the money left to the hospital by the young airman, Mr. Nigel Cohen (elder son of Sir Herbert and Lady Cohen), student of the hospital, who was killed while flying last September.

This is a charming spot to find in the heart of the City of London.

At the Festival Dinner at the Mansion House, in aid of University College Hospital, Sir Herbert Samuelson, the able Chairman, announced that Commander Geoffrey Duveen had again given a prize for the Nurse showing the greatest kindness to patients, and added, in a hospital where the Nurses were all so kind, it had been very difficult to decide upon the winner of the prize.

The Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing announces that the Memorial Medal, awarded annually to the nurse who has rendered a distinctive service in her profession, was this year awarded to Miss Annie

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