

and which have hitherto been unpublished. The *N.J.I.* has obtained permission to reproduce them, and proposes to include them in serial form from month to month. Those reproduced in the July issue (written in 1886) are addressed to Mr. John Murdock, and show the alertness of Miss Nightingale's mind in relation to sanitary matters in India. Thus:—

"Among the many, many questions which rise to my lips to ask your knowledge is, whether there has been such success in instructing Christian native converts in sanitary things that they have learnt how to improve their habits, and dwellings, and so to be examples to their non-Christian neighbours? I see in one of the admirable books which you have been so very kind as to send me a dialogue, 'The two mothers,' by A.L.O.E., in the *Zenana Reader*. Do the Christian native mothers really exercise, or learn to exercise, successfully an influence of that kind?" Again:

"The year book for 1862, which you have been so good as to send, is of great value. Do you compile a year book for every year, with all that information? Would it be possible to get any of them? It tells us what progress is really making."

We recognise in these extracts the eager questing mind which was the secret of Miss Nightingale's power and influence. Nothing was too small to interest her. Nothing too great to daunt her.

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

We beg to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donation to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund:—

From Miss A. Charteris, Matron, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, from the members of the Nursing Staff (second instalment) ... £25

### NOTICE.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We feel sure our readers will wish that as much space as possible this month shall be devoted to the recent International Council and Congress of Nurses. The paper which has won the prize in our competition for August will therefore be published next month.

It has been awarded to Miss J. M. Dunbar, Alexandra Hospital, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, the subject being "The nursing of a case of acute appendicitis during the first week after operation." Miss E. L. Rand, and Miss Gladys K. Bush, receive honourable mention.

#### COMPETITION FOR OCTOBER.

As a change from nursing subjects we offer the prize for October on "What I learnt at the International Congress of Nurses." The paper should deal with deductions which would result from intelligent observations, and new ideas.

#### QUESTION.

State what you learnt at the International Congress of Nurses.

### THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Owing to lack of space this month, the usual detailed report of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of the British College of Nurses is curtailed. In our next issue space will be found for a full report of the Annual Meeting, which was a most successful gathering, held on July 27th.

#### THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The seventy-ninth Meeting of the Council was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, July 22nd, 1933. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair.

On rising, the President, in expressing a warm welcome to Miss Breay on her return after her long absence, said she thought the Council was to be congratulated on having Miss Breay with them once more.

In replying, Miss Breay expressed her appreciation of the kindness and sympathy she had received from the Council during her illness, and Miss Breay said further that while speaking she would like to congratulate the President on the honours which had been conferred upon her during the recent International Congress of Nurses, the Silver Medal of the Assistance Publique by the French Government and the "ruban de Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold" (first class) by His Majesty the King of the Belgians. She was sure the members of the Council present would unite with her in rejoicing on these well-deserved honours.

Miss Bushby, on rising, said she also greatly desired to offer to our President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, on behalf of herself and the Council, hearty and sincere congratulations on the honour that was bestowed upon her by the King of the Belgians, the First Class Order of Leopold. Also the Silver Medal of Public Health by the Minister of Health in Paris, which was handed to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by Mlle. Chaptal at the National Council Dinner when in Paris.

In reply, the President expressed thanks, and emphasised that the recognition was not a personal one, but a recognition of the wonderful success and status of the International Council of Nurses, and of the work accomplished through it for the nurses of the world.

The recent Meetings of the I.C.N. in Paris and Brussels had been extraordinarily interesting and successful, thanks largely to the untiring work of Mlle. Chaptal and Mlle. Hellemans.

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The President said it gave her great pleasure to welcome the new members of the Council—Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss J. C. Cowie, Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard, Member.

#### THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following members were elected Chairmen of the Standing Committees:—

Education and Examination.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

Political, Economic and Legal Protection.—Miss M. Breay.

Social Schemes.—Miss G. Le Geyt.

Public Health.—Miss D. K. Graham.

History of Nursing.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

Finance.—Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

#### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications for membership were approved, and the candidates elected.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement. £516 12s. had been received in Annual Subscriptions since the last meeting.

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