

writes: "We greatly appreciate Her Royal Highness's kindness and are very proud of them." Both the Queen and the Princess Royal possess lovely flower and garden pieces, and nothing are more decorative and delightful to live with.

We remember the drawing-room at Bingham Rectory—where hung the exquisite works, flowers and gardens, by the mother of Frank Miles; one a cluster of Christmas roses—so exquisitely ethereal—a breath and they must vanish!

We own to some disappointment in reading the list of New Year's Honours, to find the name of only one Registered Nurse recorded, and we congratulate Miss Anna Albertina Isabel Pollard, Chief Inspector of Midwives and Superintendent of Health Visitors, County Council of Middlesex, on the far from distinguished recognition of M.B.E. (Civil Division) awarded to her.

Why this meagre recognition of the invaluable profession of Nursing—numbering as it does some 80,000 members.

We note a long list of clerical workers in the Civil Service, of School teachers, philanthropists, and political workers in the honours list for women—but for registered nurses one insignificant M.B.E.!

This is not the way to encourage women to give their lives to the most arduous and self-denying work for the community. Not that the majority of nurses look for reward, in this world. All the same as we are supposed to have a National Government why ignore work which is invaluable to the Nation! The leader writer in *The Times* who stated "a large number of women receive decorations, chiefly for medical, nursing, educational and social service at home and in India and the Dominions," should correct his statement.

The Imperial Nurses' Club recently combined Birthday festivities and a "Present and Purchase Party" with happy results. The musical items and recitations contributed by friends of the Club were quite first-rate and the good will and energy of the members succeeded in raising about £20 by means of the various presents brought. This sum, added to the gifts sent in answer to Miss Mayer's annual letter, made a total of over £50, which will be a considerable help towards meeting the big increase of rent which the Club has to face.

A "nursing chair" of quaint design which belonged to the family of David Livingstone, the missionary explorer, has been presented to the Livingstone Memorial at Blantyre, Scotland, by the Major Ness Masonic Lodge, in whose keeping it has been for many years. It has been placed in the room in which Livingstone was born.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

The Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S. wishes all Members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Permanent Reserve all success and good fortune in the coming year.

She would also like to remind them that all Annual Reports should be sent in during the month of January.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Sub-Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is having a most encouraging response to its appeal for the Nightingale Scholarships. Since our last issue all the Associations of Nurses affiliated have been addressed, and replies have been received from the majority, consenting to help. The Government Nursing Services have been notified, also 300 Matrons of hospitals have been invited to place the appeal before the Nursing Staffs, inviting small subscriptions, as it is known that many nurses desire to honour the memory of Miss Florence Nightingale by giving their support to the interim Scholarship scheme. The Guys Hospital Nurses' League are giving a Scholarship of £250 through the League of Red Cross Societies. It is possible that Scottish Nurses will make a National Donation—a whole Scholarship if possible. The Scottish Matrons' Association are to consider the appeal.

The British College of Nurses is aiming at contributing £100, and has already £80 subscribed.

The Royal British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council, the Association of Hospital Matrons, the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, the Superintendents of Queen's Nurses, The Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League, and many other Associations have the matter under consideration. The University College Hospital Nurses have promised £25. The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association have sent a gift, the London County Council Nurses' Social Union have done likewise, the General Hospital, Birmingham Nurses' League, have sent £7. Money is coming in every day from members of the Registered Nurses' Association. The nursing staff of the Colindale Hospital have sent £4, so that, as we go to press, it would appear Scholarship Four is promised, and we have now by united effort on small subscriptions to secure scholarship Five. With the Nightingale Fellowship, the London and St. Bartholomew's Leagues, and, perhaps Scotland, the National Council will thus be the means of securing six scholarships in record time, representing a sum of £1,500.

The League of Red Cross Societies, with the help of Guy's, will also finance six scholarships, so that the Bridge Builders will have secured the maintenance of the educational scheme for International Scholarships for 1933-1934, if other countries supply the remaining three. This there should be no difficulty in doing.

Then the endowment of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation must be taken seriously in hand. It is only a matter of inspiration and efficient National organisation and the great International Memorial Scheme in which Great Britain and the Dominions, Colonies and India, the United States of America, European Countries and their dependencies, the peoples of the Orient, and the Isles of the Sea, drawn together by the magic of humanitarian genius, will unite to raise a memorial to perpetuate the work of Florence Nightingale for the benefit of the peoples which therein dwell.

The International Council of Nurses will, in the future, let us hope, bring all its enthusiasm for united action and its inexhaustible store of knowledge to the building up of this spiritual Taj Mahal.

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