

We reported last month that Canada was celebrating this year four important anniversaries, and that 1934 is the twenty-fifth birthday of the Canadian Nurses' Association, when they intend—from June 25th to 30th—to celebrate a Silver Jubilee. The news that our National Council of Nurses agreed at its recent Meeting to depute its First Vice-President, Miss Mary S. Cochrane, R.R.C., to represent it as the guest of the Canadian Nurses at this inspiring Festival at Toronto, to convey its Congratulations and Gifts to their colleagues, is indeed a matter for congratulation to all concerned, and one more proof of the value of our International Council of Nurses in cementing professional good will. Miss Cochrane plans to sail from Southampton to Quebec on June 13th, in the *Empress of Australia*, and will take with her no end of kind wishes for an enjoyable journey and a very happy time.

Other Members of our Council will, we hear, be present at the Silver Jubilee. Mrs. MacGregor Rome, past-President College of Nursing, and Miss Daisy C. Bridges, of Florence Nightingale fame, are planning to attend.

The gift of a Nightingale Scholarship to Canada, from the Nightingale Fellowship for the year 1934-1935, was a very happy inspiration upon the part of our International President—a gesture which has met with sincere appreciation.

A meeting of the League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses was held on April 9th, in the Nurses' Home in Chandos Street, W.C.2. A large attendance was present and great appreciation of the work done by the League during the year was expressed.

A pleasing little ceremony occurred at the finish of the business of the meeting. Miss Pike (Sister Annie), the Vice-President, said she wished to read some letters from absent members in which they expressed their regret at being absent from this particular meeting, and then went on to speak of the twenty-one years work carried out by the President at Charing Cross Hospital. She spoke of the progress made and in highly complimentary terms of the esteem and affection felt by all who had worked with Miss Cochrane. Mrs. Eminson (once Sister Alexandra) cordially seconded Miss Pike's speech. Miss Keys Wells, Matron of the Croydon General Hospital, presented Miss Cochrane with a beautiful case of silver brushes, comb, mirror, etc., and also a Morocco-covered book, tooled with gold,

containing the following inscription: "To Miss Mary S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, in sincere appreciation from past and present Nurses who have worked with her during her 21 years' Hospital Service, as a token of their deep regard. 1913-1934," also the names of the subscribers to the presentation. Miss Cochrane was deeply affected, as the gift had been kept as a surprise, and found it difficult to find words in which to thank the League adequately, and expressed the hopeful impossibility that she might have another twenty-one years of work.

Miss Cochrane entered Charing Cross Hospital in 1913, and has been there up to the present day. She studied Massage and Medical Electrical Therapeutics in 1912, and it was while doing her practical Massage at the London Temperance Hospital, she decided to adopt nursing as a profession. Miss Cochrane has occupied every position in Charing Cross Hospital from Probationer to Staff Nurse, Staff Nurse to Ward Sister, Night Super. Housekeeping, Home Sister, Sister Tutor, Assistant Matron, and ten years after her admission to the Hospital as Probationer she became Matron of the Hospital. Miss Cochrane was decorated by the King with the R.R.C. in 1917, and with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1931. She is a Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, at a meeting of which in 1899 the International Council of Nurses was founded, a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses, and Chairman of its Education Committee, President and Founder of the League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses, Vice-President of the Nurses Missionary League, and member of the Com-

mittee of the Imperial Nurses Club. Delegate to the Parliamentary and Legislation Committee of the National Council of Women. Member of the Advisory Committee of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Cochrane is also the authoress of a book "Nursing," in the Life and Work Series, published in 1930, which is evidently written by an expert.

It will therefore be realised that Miss Cochrane is a woman of wide interests and of independent and forceful character.



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