

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

Florence Nightingale's Birthday, May 12th, has been adopted by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain as "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day," when it is surmised that as a token of gratitude our nurses trained and in training will love to venerate her memory by subscribing a small sum in support of the educational Memorial founded in London in her honour. This year the festival will be kept by some groups of nurses on Sunday the 12th, but the majority will make their collection on Monday, May 13th, or open their collecting boxes on that date or at some convenient time. Already, as we have announced, £35 10s. 3d. has been forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer of the N.C.N. and gratefully acknowledged by Miss M. Breay, from 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The British College of Nurses is holding a Reception on Monday, May 13th, from 3.30 to 6 p.m.

The Nightingale treasures will be on view. Tea (1s.) will be served from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m., when the Collecting Box will be opened and the contents counted. Only a small silver gift has been invited, but it is hoped that the box will contain quite a tidy sum. Fellows and Members who are unable to be present may send their gifts to the Secretary, B.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. The more the merrier.

FROM NORWAY.

We have learned with very great pleasure from Sister Bergljot Larsson, Vice-President of the National Florence Nightingale Committee of Norway, that organisation in support of the Foundation is well advanced.

Sister Larsson writes: "I write to you on paper of the Norwegian Florence Nightingale Committee, and also to tell you that we are working hard to gather some money on The Florence Nightingale Day, May 13th (instead of 12th because Sunday), all round the country. We have got all the Hospitals and Public Health Associations interested, and our King will do us the honour to come (the Queen and Crown Prince and Princess if they are not in England) to the Concert in the evening, where we shall have the best artistes, and I shall also give a Lecture with lantern slides on the Life of Florence Nightingale. We shall also get people to buy this Lecture.

"Our daily Press is very interested in 'The Day' and has long articles about the Florence Nightingale Foundation—'Sykepleien' always keeps the Press *ajour*. The Press are also invited on Florence Nightingale Day to have refreshment with the Committee.

"I thought it would interest you to know we were working."

Indeed, we warmly congratulate "Den Nasjonale Florence Nightingale Komité i Norge" on its progressive action and successful organisation. Sister Larsson is one of the I.C.N. representatives on the Grand Council of the Nightingale Foundation and a devoted student of Nightingaleiana.

IN CANADA.

Miss Grace M. Fairley, Convener of the Nightingale Memorial Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association, writes in *The Canadian Nurse*:—

"For fourteen years we have been educating ourselves and the public to 'Hospital Day' and on May 12th of each year hospitals on this continent have recognized this day as one set aside for informing the community at large of the various happenings in, and requirements of their institutions, as well as endeavouring to create sympathetic public opinion. Programmes of various types such as 'open house,' graduation ceremonies, public meetings, laying of foundation stones, and so on have been planned with success. It is with interest, therefore, that we note that the British nurses have decided to have that memorable date, Florence Nightingale's birthday, known as 'Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day.' Might we not consider re-naming this day to fit in with the decision of the mother country? Individual nurses should express their feelings freely on this matter and it might also be well to approach hospital organisations to get their viewpoint so the wishes of the majority may be known before we ask our National Association to take action."

F.N. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

So far there are four Florence Nightingale Scholarships subscribed for, and offered in Great Britain—one to be awarded by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, one by the British Red Cross Society, and one by the Nightingale Fund of St. Thomas's Hospital, and one by the St. John Ambulance Association through Lady Amptill and Dame Beryl Oliver. The two former are presented through the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain, and the recipients nominated respectively by the Societies which finance them. The nurses of India, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand have taken the initiative and are each nominating students for the Session 1935-1936. But the international character of this good work must be kept well to the fore, as that is its primary object. It was just here that the League of Red Cross Societies made the work of very great value to the smaller European countries, and we hope the Foundation will make every effort to keep this good example in mind.

GIFTS FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL'S SCHOLARSHIP.

The following gifts for the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund have most kindly been sent in anticipation of Thanksgiving Day:—

	£	s.	d.
The Royal British Nurses Association ...	10	10	0
Matron and Nursing Staff, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton ...	3	0	0
League of Sister Tutors ...	1	10	0
Liverpool Royal Infirmary Training School Nurses League ...	1	1	0
Nursing Staff, East Ham Infectious Diseases Hospital ...	1	0	0
Miss Charlotte K. Wallace, Matron and Nursing Staff, Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Sunderland ...		12	6
Miss Jessie Holmes, F.B.C.N. ...		10	0
Already acknowledged ...	37	19	7
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