

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION BALL.

We beg our readers to take note that the spectacular International Costumes Jubilee Ball, which was to have been held at the Albert Hall, in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation on Accession Day, May 6th, has been postponed until July. This change of date was rendered necessary owing to the difficulty of transport. The police notified that owing to the huge crowds of people calculated to be in the streets day and night, on Accession Day, vehicular transport would be reduced to a minimum.

SWINDON AND NORTH WILTS VICTORIA HOSPITAL, SWINDON.

A united Service, to which all members of the Nursing Profession are invited, will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar of Swindon, at Swindon Parish Church on Sunday, May 12th at 3.15 p.m., to commemorate the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

An address will be given on the life of that Great Lady who made the Nursing Profession what it is to-day.

The collection will be given to the Florence Nightingale International Scholarship Fund.

Uniform optional—but it is requested that it should be worn where possible.

GOOD WISHES FOR RECOVERY

Her many friends throughout the nursing world will learn with relief that Miss R. Darbyshire is making a good recovery from the serious operation recently performed, and will wish to offer her their kindest good wishes for complete restoration to health.

We are glad to learn that Dame Alicia Lloyd Still is at last to take a few weeks' rest—not of course without protest!

THE INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP.

It is interesting to note that Miss Josephine Manuel, the selected candidate for the Scholarship given by the Trained Nurses' Association of India, was trained at St. George's Hospital, Bombay, of which Miss Macfarlane is Lady Superintendent.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Dame Sarah Swift, G.B.E., R.R.C., has resigned the position of Matron-in-Chief of the Nursing Division of the British Red Cross Society, but remains on several committees on which her long experience will be of value.

Mrs. Rome has been nominated to succeed Dame Sarah, and is now actively engaged at 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

Joy and woe are woven fine
A clothing for the soul divine.
Under every grief and pine
Runs a joy with silken twine.
It is right it should be so ;
Man was made for joy and woe ;
And when this we rightly know
Safely through the world we go.

BLAKE.

"I hate waste, but I adore splendour."—Gladstone.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "Queen Victoria," E. F. Benson.
- "Lady Beaconsfield," F. E. Baily.
- "I was Hitler's Prisoner," Lorant.
- "Warren Hastings," A. Mervyn Davies.
- "Lady de Rothschild and Her Daughters (1821-1931)," Lucy Cohen.
- "Fifty Years in Public Health," Sir Arthur Newsholme.

FICTION.

- "The Stars Look Down," A. J. Cronin.
(Don't miss this wonderful book).
- "Ho-ming, a Girl of New China," Elizabeth Foreman Lewis.
- "National Velvet," Enid Bagnold.

HISTORY.

- "Hindenburg and the Saga of the German Revolution," Emil Ludwig.
- "Letters of Napoleon to Marie Louise," Commentary by Charles de la Ronclere.
- "Alexander II, Tsar of Russia," Stephen Graham.

COMING EVENTS.

- May 13th.—Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day.
- May 18th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.
- May 24th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.
- July 2nd.—Florence Nightingale International Foundation, Grand Council Meeting, St. Thomas's Hospital, London. 11 a.m.
- July 4th.—Florence Nightingale International Students. Presentation of Certificates. Bedford College, London, by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

HISTORY OF THE REGISTRATION MOVEMENT.

DEAR MADAM,

I find published in the *Nursing Journal of India*, under the heading of "The History of the State Registration of Trained Nurses, 1887-1914," a Paper read at the Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, by Miss S. M. Round, and upon enquiry find the expert information was supplied to Miss Round, who is a Fellow, from the headquarters of the British College of Nurses.

This invaluable information is arranged under annual dates so that one can grasp with ease the principal events from year to year of the arduous campaign throughout the world. A pocket history, in fact, of professional evolution, which all nurses should learn and take to heart. My object for addressing you is to invite the British College of Nurses to provide us nurse students with a pamphlet embodying this valuable information.

I have attended History of Nursing classes by eminent persons, but never had this data presented, one wonders why.

The struggle for legal status in England was second only to the monumental fight for enfranchisement of women—and cannot fail to impress Registered Nurses with what a debt they owe to registration pioneers, whose names are apparently never mentioned; at least they are omitted

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