

## DONATIONS TO THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND, N.C.N.

	£	s.	d.
Amount collected at the Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service, St. Thomas's Hospital, May 12th, £45 5s. 11d.			
Made up to ... ..	50	0	0
Miss Mary Harvey ... ..		2	6
Miss E. Thompson ... ..		2	6
	50	5	0
Already acknowledged ... ..	283	19	3
	£334	4	3

The munificent contribution of £50 sent through Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, subscribed through the Chapel Service at St. Thomas's Hospital in commemoration of Miss Florence Nightingale, has enabled the Treasurer of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses to forward £50 to the Treasurer of the Foundation in support of the Maintenance Fund in addition to the £250 already sent: The N.C.N. thus has the satisfaction of covering the whole cost of the scholarship for 1935-1936. In the future when a liberal Endowment Fund has been invested—which we hope it soon may be—the N.C.N. must begin to save for the endowment of its scholarship. We do not realise how costly efficient professional education is, until we have to pay for it—and we could wish that student nurses in hospitals realised the significance of this fact, they would the more readily appreciate the assets of their hospital training and instruction, which year by year is assuming ascending dimensions which are seldom taken into account by recipients.

### IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*The Bulletin* published for the American Nurses' Association by the Nursing Information Bureau of the A.N.A., states under heading "A Memorial to Florence Nightingale":—

"In many places nurses gather annually in a memorial service of aspiration on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12th. This year the nurses of the world are invited also to participate in the development of that Memorial in London which was inaugurated last July by the International Council of Nurses in co-operation with the League of Red Cross Societies. This is the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, as yet but the nucleus of that educational memorial which was first conceived by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Nutting shortly after Miss Nightingale's death in 1910. It is a center where nurses of all faiths and all races gather to share experience and to improve their knowledge of nursing. Miss Nightingale drew her inspiration from many sources. So, too, does the Foundation.

"In discussing plans for securing needed funds, Miss Nutting, Honorary President of the Foundation, expressed the belief that 'Every nurse, whether graduate or student, will want to give something.' Believing that, the American Nurses' Association will shortly release to the states information about the contribution of funds, which will be on a voluntary, individual basis. There will be no state quotas.

"Anything less than a free will offering will be out of keeping with the spirit of Miss Nightingale. Anything less than as generous an offering as circumstances may permit will be out of keeping with the spirit of American nurses."

## NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 144 nurses as Queen's Nurses. Of these 122 received their district training in England, two in Wales, 15 in Scotland, one in Northern Ireland, and four in the Irish Free State.

When the Duchess of York opened a new Nurses' Home recently at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, West Hill, Putney, she was welcomed by the President of the hospital, Lord Lee of Fareham, and the Chairman, Sir Edward Maclagan. Lord Lee spoke of the long interest taken by the Duchess in the hospital and said that they hoped to welcome her there again. A sum of about £10,000 was still required, and purses were presented to Her Royal Highness by a number of nurses, children and patients.

We continue to receive notifications of the bestowal by His Majesty the King of his Silver Jubilee Medal upon members of the Nursing Profession. We understand it is not considered expedient to publish an official list of its award to one section of the community, but we shall be pleased to publish the names of any of the recipients of this gift which are notified to us by them individually.

Miss D. Chadwick, Matron, Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, India, has received this coveted souvenir from His Majesty the King.

There is great joy amongst the nurses at the London Hospital, more especially amongst those who are members of the swimming club, for Mr. E. W. Meyerstein, a generous benefactor of the hospital, has given £12,000 to provide a swimming bath for them. He heard that the members of the club have at present to use public baths, and having inspected an available site, promised to give the above sum which it is estimated will cover the cost of the bath, so with the approval by the hospital committee of the site and the scheme, which we imagine will not be difficult to secure, the nurses are assured of their swimming bath.

The same donor has given an area of 25 acres of ground to preserve the skyline of the estate on which the Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital is to be rebuilt at Banstead Wood in addition to a donation of £10,000 to the building fund.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Overseas Nursing Association for the year ending March 31st, 1935, is a record of much useful work. The appointments filled by Nurses selected by the Association serving in the year was 673, of whom 136 were under Local Associations, and in appointments not under Government, and 537 in appointments under Government. The total number of nurses sent out since the formation of the Association by Mrs. Francis Piggott (now Lady Piggott) in 1896 has been 3,306 and it is impossible to estimate how much comfort and relief in suffering the skilled services of these nurses have brought to officials and settlers in the outposts of Empire or how many valuable lives have been saved by their expert care.

In the New Year's Honours List Miss A. E. MacMaster, Sierra Leone, was awarded the M.B.E. in recognition of the conspicuous success with which she

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