

LETTER FROM LADY AMPHILL.

Since the Meeting of the Council the following letter has been addressed to it by Lady Amphill:—

Oakley House, Bedford.

25th July, 1935.

The Secretary, British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,

Will you please express to the Council of the British College of Nurses, and to the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, my great appreciation of their deep sympathy with me at this time.

My husband was always so pleased to think that he was able to help in some small way, a measure to deal with such an eminent profession as that of nursing. He always looked back on the work he did at that time, for that cause, with great happiness.

The sympathy, therefore, that you are showing to me and my family is a very great comfort to us in our sorrow, and we are indeed grateful.—Yours truly,

MARGARET AMPHILL.

Q.A.I.M.N.S. ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The final rounds of the Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament for the "Medforth" Cup were held at The Royal Herbert Hospital on Wednesday, July 17th.

Play began at 2 p.m. on the hard courts kindly lent by the R.A.M.C. Mess for the occasion.

Conditions for play were good, but a high and rather baffling cross wind tested the skill of the contestants and added a zest to the proceedings. The ten competitors who had survived the eliminating rounds, which were played at their respective hospitals, hailed from the following stations:—Millbank, Aldershot, Woolwich, Tidworth and Shorncliffe.

After watching strenuous and close fought matches in the three rounds leading up to the final, the guests, one hundred strong, were entertained to tea in the Sisters' Mess by the Matron, Miss Alban, and her Staff.

Then followed the Final, played on No. 1 Court, which proved an "All Tidworth" affair; the contestants being—Miss Morgan and Miss Bishop, both from that Station. An excellent match between two players of somewhat dissimilar style was seen, Miss Morgan winning in two straight sets: 6—3 6—1; the steadiness and court craft of the former more than balanced the stylish play of Miss Bishop, who, it was noted, hit the ball very early on the rise; this is an excellent asset, which, with added experience, should help her to win many tournaments.

The "Medforth" Challenge Cup, first presented by Miss Medforth in 1933, and its replica, were this year presented by the Donor, whom we were happy to see amongst us again.

A second Cup, kindly presented by the Matron-in-Chief, Miss D. M. Martin, went to the runner-up.

Three hearty cheers were then accorded Miss Medforth, and Major Smith, on behalf of the Matron-in-Chief, congratulated the players, winners and losers, on their excellent performances, and thanked the Umpires for so kindly officiating.

Amongst a large and representative gathering were welcomed two former Matrons-in-Chief in Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith and Miss Medforth.

Other distinguished guests included the Director-General, Sir James Hartigan and Lady Hartigan; Major-General Fitz. G. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald; Colonel and Mrs. Power; Colonel and Mrs. Sampson; Colonel and Mrs. Dunbar; Miss Roy, and Miss Roberts.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

Stanbridge Earls, near Romsey, was at one time the home of Florence Nightingale's father, and subsequently of the late Lord Greenway. The estate has recently been sold. The house dates from the seventeenth century and is on the site of a mediæval chapel reputed to have been the original burial place of King Ethelwulf. Two miles of salmon and trout fishing in the Test are included with the 990 acres.

The Nightingale family resided at Stanbridge Earls before acquiring the Embley estate in the same county of Hampshire.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEDAL.

The Florence Nightingale Medal, awarded biennially by the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva has been awarded this year to Mlle. L. Chaptal (France), to Miss Jean I. Gunn, O.B.E. (Canada) and to Madame Guinotte (Belgium), amongst others.

The medal is given to those who have rendered conspicuous service in war, disaster, or for the public good.

All these ladies are known in the circles of the International Council of Nurses, Mlle. Chaptal having held the position of President, Miss Jean Gunn of Second Vice-President. The members of the International Congress of Nurses who visited Belgium in 1933 were brought into contact with Madame Guinotte, and visited her model hospital at Bellcourt.

CITATION RECEIVED BY Mlle. CHAPTAL.

Mlle. Chaptal de Chanteloup, née en Janvier 1873 à Paris, directrice de la Maison-Ecole d'Infirmières Privées, diplômée de la Société de Secours aux Blessés Militaires, de l'Assistance publique et de l'Etat Français. Elle fonda en 1905 une des premières écoles françaises d'infirmières professionnelles, selon les principes de Florence Nightingale. Elle créa, en même temps, l'Assistance Maternelle et Infantile dans un quartier très pauvre de Paris. Elle dirigea, pendant la guerre, l'hôpital auxiliaire de la rue Antoine-Chantin. Membre du Comité Supérieur de l'Assistance publique, elle préside aujourd'hui l'Association nationale des infirmières diplômées de l'Etat Français et d'autres organisations. Elle a pris une part prépondérante à l'organisation de la profession d'infirmière en France.

PRESENTATION TO MISS GUNN.

The Medal was presented to Miss Gunn on June 6th by the Hon. Herbert A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in the presence of a distinguished gathering. Referring to this ceremony *The Canadian Nurse* says:—

"Immediately upon the outbreak of war Miss Gunn became adviser to the Canadian Red Cross Society on hospital supplies. She acted in this capacity throughout the war and also was of invaluable assistance to the Red Cross Society and the military authorities in Canada in arranging for enlistment of nurses for service in the Canadian Army Medical Corps, the British Army Medical Service, and the Red Cross Hospital Medical Units of the allied forces.

"After the war Miss Gunn provided the Canadian Red Cross Society with expert advice in the elaboration of those features of its peace time programme that involved the education and employment of nurses. In 1928 she was elected Hon. Adviser in Nursing to the Society, an office she still holds."

PRESENTATION TO MADAME GUINOTTE.

Miss Frances Williams writes to us from Brussels, concerning the presentation of the Medal to Madame Guinotte of Le Pachy, Bellcourt, Province of Hainaut:—"As an English nurse I was very proud to assist at the presentation of the Medal to Madame Guinotte which was presented by the Swiss Minister in Brussels."

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