

she was given leave of absence by her Hospital Board to take the Post Graduate Course in Hospital Administration and Teaching of Nursing. This was gained with distinction.

On completing this course, Miss Bridges returned to Invercargill as Sister Tutor at the Southland Hospital. She remained in this capacity until 1931, when she was given leave of absence to take her Plunket Training. Miss Bridges gained the certificate issued by the Royal Society for the Health of Women and Children with distinction, passing first for the group. On return to Invercargill she was appointed Assistant Matron with a certain amount of tutoring duties. In 1933, during the absence of the Matron, who had been granted nine months' leave, she acted as Matron.

Miss Bridges has since then taken her Maternity Training, again passing first for the Dominion in this examination and has since taken her Midwifery Training.

A member of the Council of the New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association, Southland Branch, Miss Bridges has always taken a keen and active part in all matters connected with the Association.

*The Pacific Coast Nursing Journal* is jubilant that a Californian nurse has been chosen as the first American Nurse to receive the Nightingale Scholarship awarded in the United States of America. She is Miss Virginia Dunbar, assistant director of the School of Nursing of the University of California and an instructor in the Division of Nursing Education, who has been selected by the American Committee.

Miss Dunbar, who is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, did her post-graduate work at Columbia University, and has been associated with the University of California for the past two years.

### THE KING'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL.

Further notifications of those members of the Nursing Profession who have been honoured as recipients of the King's Silver Jubilee medal are:—

#### India.

Miss M. E. Abram, President Trained Nurses' Association of India; Miss E. A. Worby, Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta; Miss H. Pryce, Sambhu Nath Pundit Hospital, Calcutta; Miss Still and Miss North.

#### Canada.

Miss Mary L. Jacobs, M.B.C.N., Superintendent of Nurses, Ontario Hospital, London, Ontario, Canada.

#### New Zealand.

Miss M. Lambie, Registrar and Director of Nurses; Miss Moore, Nurse Instructor of the Health Department; Miss I. G. Willis, Nurse Inspector Health Department; Miss Tennant, Lady Superintendent of Dunedin Hospital; Miss Cookson, Lady Superintendent of Wellington Hospital; Miss Nutsey, Lady Superintendent of Auckland Hospital; Miss Campbell, Lady Superintendent of New Plymouth Hospital; Miss Muir, Lady Superintendent of Christchurch Hospital; Miss Bagley, late Matron of St. Helens Hospital, Wellington; Mrs. E. A. Kidd, late member of Auckland Hospital Board.

### NURSING ECHOES.

Whenever there is rumour of war, British nurses are eager to know what provision is being made for the care of the sick and wounded in the event of hostilities being proclaimed, in order that they may worthily play their part. There is no nationality in nursing, if, in the near future, either Italy or Abyssinia called upon the Nursing Profession for its assistance, an ample supply of volunteers, although presumably not official, would be forthcoming.

Italy, we know, has thoroughly competent nurses trained in the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, and the Italian Red Cross (under the Presidency of the Duchess of Aosta) has made great strides in the training of Red Cross Nurses, so that we may hope all Italian troops in its East African Colonies will be cared for.

Abyssinia has no existing efficient Army Nursing Service, but has recently inaugurated a National Red Cross Society amid scenes of the greatest enthusiasm. Noble women from all parts of Ethiopia met in Addis Ababa to form a Red Cross organisation, and in the presence of the Emperor, enthroned under a giant canopy, pledged service and money, large sums being subscribed. Our illustration shows a section of this meeting.

The historic and extremely picturesque ceremony took place in a specially erected pavilion lined inside with dark red velvet. Within, the ground was covered with straw, which in turn was overlaid with leather, and on the Emperor's approach servants, in spotless white, strewed rushes from his Rolls-Royce to the Royal chair on the dais.

The Pope, addressing at Castel Gandolfo the International Convention of Nurses, which took place in Rome from August 25th-31st, said that nurses well knew the horrors of war, and what devastations it brought also in the moral field. His Holiness concluded his address with the words: "We pray to God that He may second the activities and the efforts of men of clear vision who understand the exigencies of the true happiness of the peoples and of social justice, of all who do their best—not by means of threats, which do nothing but irritate the spirit and aggravate the situation, rendering it every day more difficult for those who work for pacification—with the really sincere intention of avoiding war. We pray to God that He may bless their efforts."

The Report of notifiable and other diseases nursed by Queen's Nurses in connection with local authorities, for which public authorities have power to pay, recently issued by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, shows that in 1934 there were 54,647 cases who received 921,660 visits. The total number of visits paid by Queen's Nurses in all cases in England and Wales was over 14 million. The number of notifiable diseases nursed on behalf of local authorities varies considerably from year to year, according to whether severe epidemics occur, particularly of measles or influenza complicated with pneumonia. During the past three years in which these statistics have been published, the following have been

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