

NURSING ECHOES.

Japan.

The Japanese Ambassador and Madame Matsudaira.

Latvia.

The Latvian Minister and Madame Zarine.

Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Minister and Madame Balutis.

Poland.

The Polish Ambassador and Countess Raczynski.

Spain.

The Spanish Ambassador and Madame Ayala.

Scotland.

Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl, M.P.

South Africa.

High Commissioner for The Union of South Africa and Mrs. de Water.

Switzerland.

The Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini.

Others are being arranged.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

Owing to Miss Nightingale's Birthday (May 12th) falling on Sunday this year, we learn that it will be kept in remembrance in various hospitals on the following day. In the meanwhile, several handsome subscriptions in support of the Nightingale Scholarship, which it is hoped will be financed annually by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, have already been received at the Office, 39, Portland Place, W.1, towards the £250 required.

	£	s.	d.
The Nursing Staff, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne ..	8	8	0
County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association ..	5	5	0
The League of Fever Nurses ..	5	0	0
The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association	5	0	0
Miss Marjorie J. Bedingfield, Matron, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury	5	0	0
Miss M. Sim, F.B.C.N., Matron, Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases, St. John's, Newfoundland	1	1	0

Letters have been received from a number of affiliated Associations notifying participation in the collection for the Scholarship, so we are living in hopes.

Personal subscriptions, however small, will be gladly received by Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, N.C.N.

The British College of Nurses will hold a Reception on Monday, May 13th, from 4 to 6 p.m., when the Nightingale Mementoes will be on view, under the direction of Miss A. M. Bushby (Chairman of the History Section). Tea will be served at 4.30 (tickets, 1s.), and the Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day Box will be unlocked and the gifts counted at 5.30, when it is hoped it will be *quite full!*

Collecting Boxes (price 17s. 6d.) may be ordered from Miss Breay, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. These boxes, made of mahogany inscribed in gold lettering, will, of course, last from year to year.

In the March issue of the *Canadian Nurse*, it is announced that, by the gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen, the Canadian Nurses' Association has been accorded the privilege of offering her a specially bound copy of the Programme of the Pageant which was such an outstanding feature of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of our national association. This was prepared by the firm of Birks, Ellis & Ryrie, of Toronto, and is done in blue leather of an attractive shade and fine quality, lined with watered silk to match. The crest of the association appears on the front cover in gold. The accompanying letter, addressed to Her Majesty, reads as follows:—

The small memento which accompanies this letter is offered by the Canadian Nurses' Association as a remembrance of the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Founding of the Organization, celebrated in Toronto in June of last year. It is our desire that it should convey the appreciation of the nursing profession in Canada of the sustained interest which Your Majesty has manifested in nursing throughout the years.

This letter was signed by Miss Florence H. M. Emory, who, at the time when the Pageant took place, was the President of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

On a recent visit to the Florence Nightingale Hospital for Gentlewomen, Lisson Grove, N.W., the Princess Royal, as President of the Hospital, presented to the Matron, Miss Houghton, a handsome cheque from herself and members of the hospital committee, to commemorate her 25 years Matronship. Members of the hospital staff also presented Miss Houghton with a clock. During her term of office more than 12,000 patients have passed through her hands.

At a meeting of the council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, recently held at the offices of the Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, the Earl of Athlone was reappointed chairman and Sir William Hale-White vice-chairman. The committees for 1935 were also appointed.

The council approved the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, as an outcome of the five years' experience of what is required to meet the demands made upon the fund, that from January 1st this year the annuity from the Long Service Fund should be increased to £40, with no reduction at the age of 65. The position, it was agreed, would be reviewed from time to time.

The Mayor of Holborn, presiding at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan District Nursing Association, paid a tribute to the increasingly valuable work done by the association, especially in co-operation with the borough councils of Central London.

Mr. Gerald Keith, Chairman of the Association, said 1934 had ended with a deficit of £253, in spite of a legacy of £666, which had had to be absorbed in the income account. The annual income had fallen from £5,465 in 1931 to £4,936 in 1934, and new subscribers were urgently needed. The 31 nurses at the association's two homes paid a total of 83,500 visits during the year to 3,247 cases.

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