

and members of affiliated nurses' organisations who attended the Congress from all over the world.

Miss Jean I. Gunn, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, is well known in the International Council of Nurses, having attended its Congresses in Helsingfors, Montreal, and Paris-Brussels, and in which she has held the position of Second Vice-President. Her clear judgment and remarkable business capacity are much appreciated by her colleagues. Miss Gunn is one of the five representatives elected by the International Council of Nurses to serve on the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and has taken an active part in the organisation of a National Committee in Canada for the promotion of the Foundation, of which, at the inaugural meeting in London, in July, she was elected a Vice-President. In 1933 she was awarded the Silver Medal of the Assistance Publique by the French Minister of Health.

Portraits of Miss Hersey and Miss Gunn appear on page 7.

Miss Daisy M. Martin, S.R.N., Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, who is promoted to the Royal Red Cross, First Class, was trained at King's College Hospital, London, and joined the Service in 1913. She served with the British Expeditionary Force in France from August, 1914, to September, 1919, was mentioned in despatches and awarded the A.R.R.C. She has also served in India and Malta as well as at home, so that her experience has been a very varied one.

AN INTERESTING VISIT.

An Administration Class of the British College of Nurses, by the courtesy of the Cunard White Star Steam Ship Company, paid a visit on January 10th to the *Carinthia*, then lying in King George V. Dock, when the members were shown the chief features of interest, particularly the hospital department. We hope to publish a full report of this interesting visit in our next issue.

HEALTH OF OUR SOLDIERS IN THE SAAR.

We regret to learn from the War Office in reply to an enquiry that "There are no members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service included in the British Contingent of the International Force which is being sent to the Saar Territory. The report which appeared in the Press to the effect that nurses were to be included in the Contingent was unauthorised and incorrect."

We are of opinion that facilities in case of need for the skilled nursing of our soldiers on foreign service should have been available. Amongst the ranks of a thousand men it is inevitable that sickness should occur, and prompt nursing care often prevents simple indisposition becoming serious. The State provides a fine Military Nursing Service—none better in the world—why omit to make use of it? We hope that in the future the War Office will realise its duty in this connection, surely the present Minister for War, the kindest of men, will sympathise with our plea.

NURSING ECHOES.

There is always a feeling of exhilaration about new beginnings, we are facing the unknown, and its possibilities are endless. And this applies in an especial degree to the New Year. We enter upon it with a cheer. To all our readers and friends, the world over, in this first issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for 1935 we wish happiness, success, and a share in that prosperity which, after years of depression, the prophets visualise on the horizon.

The Nurses in adversity have lost a generous friend by the death of Miss F. M. Bartleet. We learn that after a life interest, £3,500, earmarked for members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, will revert to the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund of which Miss Isabel Macdonald is the Hon. Secretary, and during whose term of office so many pensions have been endowed.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, President of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps, was present at an "At Home" given recently by Viscountess Hailsham at 57, Portland Place, W., when an address on the work and aims of the Corps was given by the Commandant, Miss Baxter Ellis.

Princess Alice said few people realised for how long the "Fany's" had carried on their work and training, or what an efficient body of women they were. "I am a very new recruit," she said, "as it is only a little over a year since I became President of the corps, but I am filled with enthusiasm, and fired with zeal to advance the good of the corps to the best of my ability."

That meeting was in the nature of a recruiting meeting, and she would like to impress on all mothers present how good the corps would be for their girls. She had visited the corps in camp, and had been most impressed, as was every one, by their discipline and womanly bearing while undertaking tasks which appeared only fit for men. Everywhere she had heard the corps very highly spoken of, especially by those officers and N.C.O.s who had assisted in their training. The cadre was there, and more recruits were badly wanted.

The corps is officially recognised as an organisation for training women for national emergency, and is in the Army List as part of His Majesty's Voluntary Transport Reserve.

One of the greatest pleasures at Christmas, both to nurses in hospitals and those whose hospital days are past, but who, by invitation, visit the scenes of their former labours at this season, is the Christmas party when wards are gay, and all over the country one seems, on entering a hospital, to breathe the very spirit of Christmas peace and good will.

At St. Thomas's Hospital, Mother of Training Schools, a multitude of friends, members of the Nightingale Fellowship, and well wishers of the hospital, responded to the invitation of the Matron, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, to an "At Home" in the Nightingale Home on the "Feast of Stephen," and after partaking of the good things provided, and renewing old friendships, they passed on to the wards—pictures of brightness and gaiety. The patients, on the tip-top of expectation awaiting the choir of nurses who would presently come

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