

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

As we go to press before May 12th, Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, we shall hope to acknowledge in the June issue gifts sent in support of the Scholarship of £250 awarded by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:—

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	59	1	0
Matrons and Nursing Staffs of several Mental Hospitals per the Mental Matrons' Association	41	7	2
The League of Sister Tutors	1	1	0
Dulwich Hospital Nurses' League	1	1	0
Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League ..	1	0	0

We have commended on many occasions the gratitude expressed through special Memorial Funds of American Nurses to their great leaders who have passed away, so that the memory of their service and sacrifice is ever before those of younger generations who have benefited so greatly by their labours, and who continue to do so through the practical nature of the memorials.

And now the Florence Nightingale International Foundation is added to the list of the American Nurses' Association benefactions.

The official organ of the Association notifies with satisfaction the contributions made by its members in its April issue. The total of the Appeal to February 29th, 1936, amounts to the splendid sum of \$8,085.12 of which \$1,000 was donated to the Foundation in July, 1935, leaving a balance of \$7,085.12—the contributions amounting roughly to £1,620.

Miss Mary M. Roberts is the Chairman of the American Nurses' Association Committee of the F.N.I.F., and we offer warm congratulations on the success of the Appeal.

Then we turn to Canada. *The Canadian Nurse* announces the excellent response to the appeal for the Foundation made through the provincial conveners; during the past month some \$400, and expresses the opinion that if all those who contributed last year can send a similar amount this year, there is no doubt that the pledge for the Endowment Fund as well as for the 1936-1937 Scholarship will be assured. The Canadian Nurses' Association aims to contribute £250 for a scholarship and £250 to the Endowment Fund for four years; a most generous contribution—and we feel sure under the able Chairmanship of Miss Grace M. Fairley, Convener of the Nightingale Memorial Committee in Canada, that the £2,000 will be to hand in time.

The South African Nursing Journal announces the contributions from Nurses to the Florence Nightingale Foundation Fund, South Africa, since 1934 to March, 1936, making a fine total of £672 18s. 7d.

Led by Miss B. G. Alexander, they are deeply interested in the good work.

The nurses in the smaller countries, especially in Scandinavia, have also been very generous, and are anxious to avail themselves of the special tuition offered by the Foundation.

The nurses in Great Britain still head the list as contributors to the Foundation, but that is as it should be

in Florence Nightingale's own country. So far the members of our National Council have subscribed direct £2,200 and from other groups upwards of £2,000 has been subscribed by nurses for scholarships, and towards the Endowment Fund, making contributions of upwards of £4,000.

Amongst the contributions to our National Council Scholarships, the Nurses' Leagues of both St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the London Hospital have given a whole Scholarship of £250.

The Nightingale Fellowship has subscribed for two Scholarships, £500, and announced the collection of £424 14s. 8d. towards an endowed scholarship.

The Queen's Nurses have donated £528 to the Endowment Fund.

It is now time that participating Red Cross Societies in National Committees followed the example of the British and American Red Cross Societies and helped to place the Foundation on a sound financial footing. We realise, however, that the activities of the Red Cross extend beyond nursing interests, and these must be primarily met, but if National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees are formed of both the public through the Red Cross, and of the nursing profession, it is to be hoped they will unite in financial support of the Endowment Fund. International nursing education is costly, and as its aim is to benefit the whole world we need active support to maintain adequate standards of instruction, and maintenance.

We feel strongly that if our rich philanthropists realised the necessity for scientific investigation in the field of nursing, as the Rockefeller Foundation has done, some of their wealth would be devoted to its prosecution. Their money would be well spent indeed.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

On Friday, May 8th, at 8.30 p.m., Florence Nightingale International House will be the scene of an entertainment given by "Internationals 1935-1936," "The Day's Good Cause," by M. E. Atkinson, and "The Old Lady Looks Back," an original sketch. No doubt these little plays will rival those given on former occasions, when sly digs at the nursing world in general were vastly enjoyed by the audience.

THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP.

The Commemoration Service in connection with the Nightingale Fellowship will be held in the Chapel at St. Thomas's Hospital at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday, May 10th. The Sermon will be preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury. No tickets are necessary. The Offertory will be for the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation.

ST. BRIGID, THE VEILED LADY OF KILDARE.

The brilliant lecture given by Miss Isabel Macdonald at the British College of Nurses on Registration Day, 1935, on "St. Brigid, the Veiled Lady of Kildare," has now been published in pamphlet form, and can be bought, price 9d, at the Offices of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, and at 39, Portland Place, W.1, in support of the National Council of Nurses F.N.I.F. Scholarship.

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