

there is often active delirium and prostration. Urgent treatment is necessary to save life.

Chorea is a disease which needs unremitting and skilled nursing during the illness, and a long convalescence in favourable surroundings, for complete cure.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention: Miss Winifred Moss, The County Hospital, Bedford, and Miss V. Cordinley, General Hospital, Grantham.

QUESTION FOR NEXT MONTH.

Describe the varieties of nephritis, their treatment and nursing care.

THE OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUNDS.

RESPONSE PERFECTLY SPLENDID.

In response to the Official Appeal for funds in support of the Congress arrangements for 1937, we beg to acknowledge the following generous subscriptions, a splendid response:—

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	242	5	0
The London Hospital League of Nurses ...	150	0	0
The Nightingale Fellowship (Making £100 with £50 advanced.)	50	0	0
The Scottish Matrons' Association ...	25	0	0
County Mental Hospital Nurses' League (Maidstone)	10	10	0
General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League	10	10	0
Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League	7	0	0
Mrs. John Temple	5	5	0
Bristol Royal Infirmary Nurses' League	5	5	0
League of Nurses, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield	5	0	0
Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League	5	0	0
Rev. G. Berens-Dowdeswell	3	3	0
Miss Amy B. Curtis... ..	2	5	0
Mrs. G. Berens-Dowdeswell	2	2	0
Miss A. M. Bushby	2	2	0
Miss A. B. Baillie R.R.C.	2	2	0
	£527	9	0

DONATIONS PROMISED.

Already acknowledged	110	0	0
The London Hospital League of Nurses ...	50	0	0
The Scottish Nurses' Association	25	0	0
L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union ...	5	5	0
	£190	5	0

Thus £717 14s. of the £1,000 required is already assured, and we learn of many gifts coming along. One fact we all realise, that from the time the nurses of Great Britain assumed the responsibility of acting as the hostesses of the great International Congress in 1937, they meant to see it through, as their colleagues in other countries have done, on a thoroughly generous scale.

It is not, however, only financial support we need to make the Congress a success, but the interest, kind good will and service of the whole community of nurses throughout Great Britain. A great opportunity is theirs. Those of us with psychic appreciation realise that they are already quietly converging towards the International Congress goal.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

The full Scholarship awarded annually by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has been most generously over-subscribed for 1936-1937, in response to the Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day Appeal, and a cheque for £250 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	228	12	11
The College of Nursing (mainly subscribed by Student Nurses' Associations on Thanksgiving Day), sent by Miss Coode, President	35	17	6
Glasgow Mental Hospital Staff	20	0	0
Miss M. Lamb (Bath)	1	0	0
	£285	10	5

Last year the National Council subscribed £300, adding £50 to the Maintenance Fund of the Foundation, in addition to the £250 for the Scholarship.

We hope the Executive Committee when it meets may again decide to make a grant from the surplus subscribed, as until the Endowment Fund is more generously supported by the public, current expenses need support.

Miss M. P. Welch, the Scholar selected for the forthcoming session, will enter Florence Nightingale International House in August, with the good wishes of her colleagues for a successful and happy year's work.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has thus financed seven students since 1933 at the cost of £1,800. A most generous response to our appeals.

EXPERIENCES OF AN ENGLISH SISTER OF MERCY IN THE CRIMEA.

Yesterday and To-day.

The apartment in the building allotted to us was lofty, of moderate dimensions, containing in the only two sides having an outer wall, ten large double windows. After the manner of Turkish dwellings, a raised dais, about one yard and a half wide and two feet high, extending down one side of the room, and like the floor, was covered with a fine description of matting. In a few hours, our eight mattresses, with our blankets and counterpanes, were brought from the store: the beds covered the floor when spread down, but by day they were folded up, forming a comfortable seat. Three black leather boxes served for tables, while the recesses of the windows were converted into cupboards. As soon as we could procure a broom, which was not until several days had passed, we swept our apartment, making it look quite fresh and tidy; it was but a Turkish broom, by the way, and resembled an English besom, there being but one real brush in use amongst the staff, the guardian of which was faithful to her trust, keeping it at her bed's head, and refusing to lend it upon any terms. Our dinner and tea service consisted of a metal basin for each person, which held about a pint. Out of this we first ate our meat and vegetables, and then after wiping it as clean as paper could make it we returned for our allowance of porter; we also washed our faces in this hard-worked copper basin. Two knives, two spoons, and three forks did duty at dinner of eight ladies.

At the one fountain in our corridor could be seen standing, at any time of the day, many persons waiting their turn to draw water; the quantity which fell to the share of each, with one or two exceptions, even including tea, did not average a pint a day.

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