

Ambulance Brigade, and the Voluntary Aid Divisions of the Red Cross attended in uniform. They were led by Miss McNevin of the Perth Hospital, Miss Stokes of the Children's Hospital, and a group of returned Sisters who served during the Great War wearing their decorations.

As reported in the *Journal of the Western Australian Nurses* after the singing of John Bunyan's stirring hymn beginning "He who would valiant be," the Dean of Perth gave an appropriate and inspiring address.

He spoke of the wonderful example the nursing profession had in Florence Nightingale, whose ideals and strength of character owed their origin to the fact that she was deeply religious. Her aim all through life was to follow her Master, and it was this inspiration that enabled her to establish so noble a standard for the nursing profession, and to abolish the fearful conditions that prevailed before her time.

"Look upon nursing," said the Dean, "as a vocation to which you are called by God, and also as a service to your fellows."

We note in "Una" that nurses are advised to attend a course in the Art of Public Speaking which is being held at the Melbourne Teachers' College. We are glad to learn that the new generation of nurses are less diffident in speaking in public than their predecessors were. All the same, to become an acceptable and lucid speaker needs practice if they are to convince their audience. The nursing profession has recently lost the finest orator in its ranks by the lamented death of the late Mrs. Lancelot Andrews.

We attend a considerable number of meetings composed of nurses. Why are these gatherings usually composed of middle-aged women? Where are the young? The sprightly "Pros." and young "Staffs" conspicuous by their absence? Presumably enjoying fresh air and physical exercise, or being amused. Quite good in parts, but an earnest interest in professional affairs is also stimulating and of benefit to others. We shall hope to see the younger generation attending and taking an active part in discussion at our great International Congress in London next year; they will certainly be welcome.

The monthly bulletin of the L.R.C.S. states that: "France having been one of the first countries to make use of aircraft for the transport of sick and injured persons, it is perhaps only natural that the French Red Cross should have given the lead in the training of specialized nurses for air ambulance work. Several Red Cross Nurses are at present undergoing training in France with a view to obtaining licences as 'air escorts,' and many of them display real aptitude for this work."

THE MARY GIRDLSTONE PRIZE.

It has been arranged by the past and present members of the Nursing Staff at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, to create a fund to promote a memorial to Miss Mary Girdlestone, R.R.C., late matron of the Hospital.

For this purpose several efforts are being made by the staff at the hospital, and past members are all asked to send in their donations if they have not already done so, to the matron as soon as possible.

The memorial is to take the form of a prize to be given to the best nurse of her class at each Hospital

Examination, and to be called the Mary Girdlestone Prize.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

The King's Birthday Honours largely followed precedent—men in all their various activities received recognition. This is as it should be. We could wish the list included recognition of the valuable work of more professional women. Political and social services are useful, of course, but the arts, sciences and professions also deserve recognition—that is, if heredity counts for anything in the making of Man!

ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER.

The King has been pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to command that the title and dignity of a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order be conferred upon

Her Majesty Queen Mary.

For the first time a member of the medical profession has been promoted to a Viscounty. Congratulations!

VISCOUNT.

Dawson of Penn, The Right Hon. Bertrand Edward, Baron, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P.

NURSING.

The following ladies engaged in nursing duties (the name of one only is to be found in the State Register) have received recognition:—

M.B.E. (Civil Division).

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Matron, Maseru Hospital, Basutoland.

M.B.E.

Miss Ruth Alice Bagot, Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Uganda Protectorate (S.R.N., General Part of the Register).

Miss Henriette Baumann. For services to nursing in Kenya.

Miss Elizabeth McMurtrie. For services to nursing in Kenya.

Miss Kathleen Wanlass Storrier. Nursing Sister, Nigeria.

Mrs. Hilda Margaret (wife of Mr. H. G. P. Vostermans, cigar manufacturer, Dindigul), lately Lady Superintendent, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospitals, Bangalore.

O.B.E.

Miss Ida Blanche Leedam, Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, Military Hospital, Catterick Camp.

KAISAR-I-HIND-GOLD MEDAL.

Miss Mary Davison, Lady Superintendent, Baroda State General Hospital, Baroda, Gujarat States Agency.

ALBERT MEDAL IN GOLD.

Posthumous Award to Dr. Melly.

The King has been pleased to approve that the Albert Medal in Gold be awarded posthumously to André John Mesnard Melly, Esq., M.C., F.R.C.S., in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry which he displayed during the disorders in Addis Ababa, in May, 1936, in his efforts to rescue British and other foreign nationals and wounded Abyssinians, in the course of which he received injuries from which he has since died.

The whole Nursing Profession will rejoice to know that the mother of Dr. Melly will possess this tangible evidence of his splendid sacrifice, awarded by His Majesty the King.

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