

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.**

The following gifts have been received in connection with the Florence Nightingale Scholarship awarded by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:—

Previously acknowledged ... ..	£285	10	5
Miss M. F. Hughes, President Royal Infirmary, Leicester, Nurses' League. Collected at Church Service ... ..	10	6	2
Nursing Staff, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow (per Miss M. Robinson)	8	0	0
Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' League (per the President, Miss M. S. Cochrane)	7	3	6
Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, per Miss E. Brodie, Matron (£20 already acknowledged) ... ..	2	10	0
Miss E. Mackenzie ... ..	1	1	0
Northampton Queen's Nurses' Association	7	6	
Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Nurses' League, per Miss J. Davies (2nd don.)	5	9	
	£315	4	4

**OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUNDS.**

Already acknowledged ... ..	£537	19	0
Mental Hospital Matrons' Association (per Miss S. Hearder) ... ..	26	5	0
League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses (per Miss G. Bulman)... ..	15	0	0
Association of Queen's Superintendents (per Miss E. Ivett) ... ..	10	10	0
Bradford Royal Infirmary, Nurses' League (per Miss M. Pulford) ... ..	10	10	0
League of Fever Nurses (per Miss A. S. Bryson) ... ..	5	0	0
League of Sister Tutors (per Miss C. E. Nelson) ... ..	3	3	0
Miss M. G. Allbutt ... ..	3	0	0
Miss Jane Bell ... ..	2	2	0
Donations promised ... ..	190	0	0
	£803	9	0

**NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.**

The House Committee at 15, Manchester Sq., W., were "At home" on the evening of October 6th to enable the new Florence Nightingale Students to meet Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, and their lecturers for the forthcoming scholastic year. The guests were received by Mrs. Rome, chairman of the House Committee, and the house was beautifully decorated with lovely flowers.

**MILITARY SISTERS FOR SERVICE IN PALESTINE.**

We are informed by the Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service that a Casualty Clearing Station, with 10 Sisters, is under orders to embark for service in Palestine. The following are the names of those detailed to proceed with the unit:

**Members of Q.A.I.M.N.S.**

Sisters: Miss K. H. Jones, *in charge*; Miss E. M. Thomson, Miss A. C. Mills, Miss H. F. McFeat, Miss E. Clarke, Miss A. M. Spence; Staff Nurse: Miss E. M. Hek.

**Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve.**

Sisters: Miss M. E. Boyce, Miss W. Waite; Staff Nurse: Miss E. A. Ladkin.

**NURSING ECHOES.**

The letter on the "Nursing of the Chronic Sick," which has been issued by Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, inviting the attendance of delegates to discuss this important subject at Headquarters embodies an excellent principle—recognising as it does the right of Registered Nurses to be consulted on important questions affecting their profession. We have no doubt the invitation will be readily accepted.

The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking on September 29th to the Somerset Local Authorities, at the Shire Hall, Taunton, said that one of the many useful services which local authorities performed and of which the public was not perhaps so well aware as it might be, was the supervision of nursing homes. It was an offence to carry on a nursing home which had not been registered with the appropriate local authority, and it was the duty of the latter to keep under careful and sympathetic observation the nursing homes registered in their area, and to see so far as they could that they were carried on in a responsible and satisfactory way. Nursing homes were generally doing good work and they played an important part in our health affairs. All would agree that every reasonable step should be taken to assist them in their work and that proper and reasonable conditions for the care and comfort of the patients should be maintained and where necessary improved.

The homes that were registered came under regular supervision, but not all local authorities had realised that they must be vigilant in seeing that homes were duly registered. A nursing home which, in contravention of the law, escaped registration escaped supervision, and it was, he thought, desirable to remind local authorities of this very vital part of their duties. In a communication which he was about to make he was suggesting that local authorities should review their arrangements, in order to make sure that they were in a position to learn of the existence of any unregistered homes with the minimum of delay.

[It is greatly to be regretted that in the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927, Christian Science Nursing Homes are exempted from registration, and thus escape supervision. In accordance with an undertaking given during the passage of the Bill through the House of Commons that they should "adopt and use the name of Christian Science House" they are so described in the text of the Act, but the term Christian Science Nursing Homes is still retained in the marginal description.]

Sir Kingsley Wood said also there had been recently a good deal of public attention paid to the hours of working of hospital nurses. The matter was one which rested upon the discretion of the Hospital Authorities but they would doubtless agree that they should keep this subject closely under review. Conditions had improved substantially in recent years but excessive hours had not wholly disappeared. If hours were too long the service suffered, however devoted a nurse might be, and they increased the risk of mistakes. He believed the majority of Authorities had this matter well in mind; in a hospital there were often special circumstances and

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