

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

The list of the New Year's Honours appeared in the Press on January 1st, and no doubt a certain number were well deserved.

It gave the Editor of this JOURNAL quite a thrill to note that Miss Christabel Pankhurst had been awarded a D.B.E. (Civil Division) Dame of the British Empire, and that for the future this valiant lady may be addressed as "Dame Christabel." Those of us who supported the movement by the "suffragettes" for the enfranchisement of women have but one regret—that her mother, the leader and martyr of the campaign, did not herself receive this honourable recognition before her lamented death. We all know of the mother's deep love for, and pride in, the courage of her daughter. Our congratulations go out to them both.

The Prime Minister is also to be warmly congratulated on this departure from precedent, where the recognition of women "rebels" are concerned.

The following members of the Nursing Profession are included in the Honours:—

Order of the British Empire.

O.B.E. CIVIL DIVISION.

RICHARDS, Mrs. Ethel Gertrude, District Nurse, Porthcawl.

Royal Red Cross.

DECORATION OF THE ROYAL RED CROSS, FIRST CLASS.

GREEN, Miss Ethel, A.R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, in recognition of the exceptional devotion and competency displayed by her in the performance of her nursing duties in India.

GRAHAM, Miss Jean Methuen, Secretary, Scottish Branch, Queen's Institute of District Nursing, received the O.B.E. She is not a nurse.

Very meagre recognition when we realise that there are upwards of 75,000 Registered Nurses devoting their lives to the care of the sick and of the national health in the United Kingdom. As usual, honours are bestowed on women for "philanthropic and social services"; few, as we have noticed before, are recognised for intellectual

prominence. How out of date such a system of selection appears! The philanthropic work of women receives encouragement in the Dominions—Canada, under Mr. Mackenzie King, the new Prime Minister, has apparently reverted to the "no baubles" policy. It has its *raison d'être*, of course, but we doubt if human nature can appreciate it.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY

Once we are in a New Year events of importance come crowding along. Soon May 12th will be here—adopted by our National Council of Nurses as "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day"—when it is hoped that the member organisations in the National Council will repeat their appeal for small donations from their members and others, in support of the annual Scholarship to be offered to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. These donations should be forwarded to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, after May 12th.

We hear that the Nightingale Students enjoyed a very happy gathering at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, on Christmas Eve, and are now again hard at work at Bedford College after a refreshing little holiday. The "Old Internationals" sent out a charming Christmas card, reproducing the fine portico and doorway of 15, Manchester Square.

Sorry not to see the I.C.N. included with the L.R.C.S. as a component

part, as it is, of the F.N.I.F. on the World's surface!

The Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale Foundation is summoned to meet on January 21st at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, S.E.

Ian Coster in the *Evening Standard* writes:— Films have got Nightingale fever. It looks as though there may be five different portrayals this year. Hollywood is going to have more nightingales than an English summer. Kay Francis is to play one version for Warner Bros., the story being Michel Jacoby's "Angel of Mercy," suggested by Lytton Strachey's essay.



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First "Suffragette" to be imprisoned, 1905.

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