

TEMPERLEY, Miss GLADYS FRANCES VAZEITTE, A.R.R.C., Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and

NICHOLSON, Miss MARY, Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in recognition of the exceptional devotion and competency displayed by them in the performance of their nursing duties in Military Hospitals.

#### PRINCESS MARY'S R.A.F. NURSING SERVICE.

Royal Red Cross (Second Class).

EDWARDS, Senior Sister (now Matron), Miss MARY EUPHEMIA ROBERTSON, in recognition of the special devotion and competency displayed by her in the nursing and care of the sick in Royal Air Force Hospitals at Home and Abroad.

#### OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUND.

We beg to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following gifts in response to the Official Congress Appeal Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Previously received ... ..	1,177	5	6
The Nursing Staff, The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, for Hospitality Fund...	12	0	0
Royal British Nurses' Association ...	10	10	0
The Wolverhampton and District Branch of the College of Nursing ... ..	8	8	0
Miss H. Baines ... ..	5	5	0
Association of Hospital Matrons, East Midlands Group ... ..	3	3	0
The Private Nurses' League ... ..	2	2	0
Mr. W. H. Harper, House Governor, Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton ...	1	1	0
The Harrogate and District Board, College of Nursing, for Entertainment of International Nurses ... ..	14	0	
Miss E. Bright Robinson ... ..	10	6	
	<b>£1,220</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

The National Council of Nurses appealed last year to its affiliated Associations for £1,000 in aid of the organisation of the International Congress, and through the most generous response of their members we have received upwards of £1,200. Splendid! As President of the N.C.N. we are indeed proud and grateful for this wonderful financial support.

#### HOMAGE TO MISS NIGHTINGALE.

Miss Isabel Macdonald with her usual generosity has handed to the President of the National Council of Nurses a cheque for £20, the cost of two coaches for the visit of homage to Miss Nightingale's grave on July 16th, one as a gift from the British College of Nurses and one from the Royal British Nurses' Association.

The five coaches have now been secured, so all we need is a fine day so that the lovely scenery over the Hog's Back and through Surrey and Hants to Romsey may be thoroughly enjoyed by the 130 guests to be taken on the pilgrimage to East Wellow, and then to Embley Park by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crossfield to take tea in the garden, and be shown this beautiful home of Miss Nightingale.

#### NURSING ECHOES.

The annual visit of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland each May, marks that week as Edinburgh's own.

The Royal Infirmary again extended a most hearty welcome to the Lord High Commissioner, Lord Kinnaird, and Lady Kinnaird, when they visited there on May 19th. Accompanied by Sir Thomas Whitson, Chairman of the Board of Managers, Col. Stewart, C.I.E., F.R.C.S., etc., Superintendent of the Infirmary, and Miss Smail, O.B.E., A.R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of Nurses, they made a round of Medical and Surgical Wards, to the joy of the patients.

Afterwards the annual distribution of prizes to the nurses took place, the prizes being presented by Lord Kinnaird, who congratulated the prizewinners most heartily and expressed admiration for the work of all nurses. He spoke of the number of times in our Lord's life one read of His healing power, and how always He showed such infinite compassion for, and understanding of, the sick. Surely natural compassion and understanding must be the basic quality of a good nurse.

Sir Thomas Whitson called for three cheers for Lord Kinnaird, which were heartily accorded.

The Queen's Institute of District Nursing, of which Her Majesty Queen Mary is Patron, founded fifty years ago, in 1887, by Queen Victoria, from the Women's Offering to Her Majesty, in commemoration of the jubilee of her accession to the Throne, as Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, is an organisation of which the value is second to none. The term, "Queen's Nurse," signifies a nurse who has had three years' hospital training with six months' additional training in district nursing, and, further, the Queen's Nurse is often, also, a State Certified Midwife. Their work is of incalculable value to the community, not only for the skilled nursing help which they bring into the homes of the people, but also for the psychological value which their cheery presence brings to invalids, whose outlook is circumscribed and often lonely. The organisation is this year appealing for funds to extend the service, and the Ranyard Mission, which provides a parallel service, is associated with this appeal, which surely must meet with a widespread and sympathetic response.

There has grown up of recent years a system of County Nursing Associations, in which, though its members are State Certified Midwives, they are not necessarily—and, in fact, often are not—State Registered Nurses, though frequently employed in nursing duties. Those who are of opinion, therefore, that the sick poor are entitled to nurses holding the State qualification will be well advised to ear-mark the cheques which we hope will pour in to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1, "In support of the work of State Registered Queen's Nurses." In the case of the Ranyard Mission, 25, Bedford Square, London, W.C., this is unnecessary, as all its members must be State Registered Nurses.

Early on June 2nd two Royal Air Force boats left Calshot with four Army nursing Sisters aboard—Miss

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