

## THE EDITOR'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

If you do not wish to be killed with kindness, never own to an eightieth birthday—because that fate has nearly befallen the Editor of this Journal.

On January 26th last, some thirty colleagues, many of whom had given active co-operation for many years in the constructive work of nursing organisation, which has been the policy of the *Nursing Record*, now THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, for close on half a century, entertained the Editor at luncheon at the Monico Restaurant, and a very gay party it was.

Miss A. M. Bushby was in the Chair, and after the Loyal Toasts, in a brief speech wished the guest of honour health and happiness, for which she expressed thanks.

A shower of golden telegrams were delivered through-out luncheon—one from Margaret Breay without whose selfless devotion it is doubtful if the B. J. N. would have ever survived its interminable vicissitudes—"Warmest congratulations and gratitude to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on splendid work and achievement of sixty years for nurses and nursing on eightieth birthday, deep regret at enforced absence.—Breay."

Modesty must restrain the desire to publish other too kind messages of a like nature.

Gifts of lovely flowers were delivered at 39, Portland Place and 12, Barton Street in great abundance, and nothing could have given the recipient more joy.

She presented herself with a soft paste Lowestoft teapot—a real gem!—and a telegram from a friend stating she had just made a will leaving £1,000 to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING was a delightful surprise and cause for sincere gratitude.

Alas! that such days come but once in a lifetime.

E. G. F.

## OFFICIAL APPEAL FOR CONGRESS FUND.

The Official Appeal to the Nursing Profession in support of the I.C.N. Congress Fund, has met with such a wonderful response that the £1,000 asked for has already been over subscribed.

	£	s.	d.
Gifts already acknowledged ... ..	701	3	0
The College of Nursing ... ..	100	0	0
Nurses' League, Western Infirmary, Glasgow ... ..	25	0	0
Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C. ...	5	0	0
Dame Joanna M. Cruickshank, D.B.E. ...	2	2	0
Mrs. E. Wates ... ..	10	0	0
	£833	15	0

### DONATIONS PROMISED.

Already acknowledged ... ..	£200	0	0
British College of Nurses (Coach £10) ...	25	0	0
	£225	0	0
	£1,058	15	0

Nurses desiring board and residence in London should make arrangements as soon as possible through Thos. Cook and Son, Berkeley Street, London, W.1, who, owing to the influx of people for the Coronation, are already realising pressure on accommodation in London.

## NEW YEAR HONOURS.

The following is the Official List of New Year Honours conferred by the King on the Queen, and on a few members of the Nursing Profession:—

### THE QUEEN.

The King has been pleased to command that the title and dignity of a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order be conferred upon The Queen.

The King has been pleased to appoint The Queen to be Grand Master of the Royal Victorian Order.

### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

#### O.B.E.

Clarke, Miss Agnes Caroline, Matron of the Women's Hospital, Sydney, State of New South Wales.

Smith, Miss Georgiana Gertrude, Matron of the Western Suburbs Hospital, Sydney, State of New South Wales.

#### M.B.E.

Rogers, Miss Vena Winifred Ellen, Superintendent of Midwifery, Government Hospital, Jerusalem, Palestine.

Booth, Miss Jane Thorpe, Matron, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.

### ROYAL RED CROSS DECORATION.

#### FIRST CLASS.

Levay, Miss Evelyn Bertram, Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in recognition of the exceptional devotion and competency displayed by her in the performance of her nursing duties in military hospitals.

Moriarty, Miss Evelyn, 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.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Beale, Superintending Sister Doris Winifred, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

The Nursing Profession realises once again how little its invaluable services to the State are recognised or appreciated. The majority of women are honoured for "political and public services" or "social work."

We are hoping when our new King and Queen have had time to "render honour to whom honour is due" that women, whose attainments in Art, Literature, Science, and the Professions are of such value to the community, will find their names in the Honours List.

## A REGISTERED NURSE AND THE THRONE.

Mr. C. F. J. Hankinson, editor of *Debrett*, points out that the fourth adult heir to the Throne is Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught (Duchess of Fife in her own right) and not the Duke of Connaught, her father-in-law. Princess Arthur of Connaught derives through her mother, the late Princess Royal, the eldest daughter of King Edward VII.

Her Royal Highness is a State Registered Nurse, a professional status of which she is proud, and is President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the first organisation of Trained Nurses in the world, and which will celebrate its Jubilee in December, 1937.

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