

## EDITORIAL.

## MY GOD, MY KING AND MY FELLOW-MEN.

*No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race and what God gives him He gives to mankind.*—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Every New Year we are launched afresh into the unknown, which is for most of us a disturbing prospect, though for youth it has the thrill of possible adventure and excitement.

But for each and all it must mean movement of some kind or another, and its close cannot leave us as it found us.

To look back on the year that has just closed. How unexpected have been the patterns and colours of the kaleidoscope that has portrayed the strange happening that we name life.

Consciously or unconsciously they have set their indelible mark on national and private life and have presented opportunity seized or neglected.

There have passed into the Shadows many kindly hearts, many brilliant intellects, many towers of strength, and we say that the proverb about "as good fish in the sea" is not true at all and that those brave hearts and true are not to be replaced.

Then comes the indomitable battle-cry "Courage, mes amis," and we rouse ourselves to ask, like the little midshipman, "What can I do, Sir?"

That gallant little lad! His thought was only of his feeble share of helping in that disaster.

"What can I do?" would be a mighty force if found in the hearts of all this coming year.

Such an historic year for the nation and the nursing profession! The pomp and splendour of the Coronation ceremonies are only the external expression of its deep spiritual call to all to co-operate in rendering loyal service, however humble, to our King and Empire. To remember that our vast Dominions are comprised of individuals who should at least be willing to serve.

Ready, aye ready!

It is not a mere coincidence that the Coronation, and International Congress of Nurses in London, occur in the same year.

These two great events should be complementary one to the other.

What can I do, to serve my honoured profession? Some in our ranks are possessed of the ten talents and have earned deservedly the "Well done" of their less gifted comrades.

Many more are hiding their one talent in the earth.

To these we would rally to the cry "Your King and Your Country need you." Dig up your solitary gift and place it in the general coffer. It is all part of the great scheme, which can never come to perfection without your contribution. Only so can this year of grace 1937—in which lie hid the purposes of God, so mysteriously ours to thwart or fulfil—be one in which not my own advantage, but fulfil the nobler ideal of placing my talents few or many at the disposal of my God, my King and my fellow-men.

## THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1937-1938.

The Leaflet of Regulations and Official Forms for the award of a Scholarship of £250 (The Florence Nightingale International Foundation) awarded by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, can be procured after February 1st from Miss S. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. These forms of application must be returned to Miss Villiers at the same address by March 1st, 1937, carefully filled in, including the papers of references required. Stamped envelopes clearly addressed must be forwarded for replies to correspondence.

The decision of The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to award a Scholarship of £250 to an English or Scottish member of the National Council, for recommendation to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, through which authority the Scholarship is offered to the Foundation, it is hoped will become an annual gift. During the term of the Provisional Committee the National Council of Nurses allocated directly four Scholarships in 1933-1934 (£1,000), one in 1934-1935, one in 1935-1936, one in 1936-1937, and the money is in hand for a Scholarship for 1937-1938. Thus the Scholarship to be awarded this year will be the eighth financed by the National Council at a cost of £2,000, the whole of which sum has been subscribed by nurse members of our National Council.

The Scholarship is awarded for the purpose of taking a selected Course at Bedford College, London. The Prospectus of the Courses has been brought up to date and published. The year's instruction covers three terms in College and the Courses cover instruction in Hospital Administration, or Public Health or Social Science.

## THE I.C.N. AT THE GUILDHALL.

We are indebted to Miss Helen Dey, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, for the good news that on December 19th the Common Council, with the Lord Mayor of London in the Chair, passed "That it would be the pleasure of the Corporation of London to entertain members of the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to an Evening Reception at the Guildhall between July 19th and 24th." We are hoping for the 24th, so that this historic gathering may be the farewell function of the 1937 Congress, which is unlikely to meet in London again for many years.

Miss Dey, who is senior Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and a member of the Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N., is taking a very keen interest in its duty as hostess to guests from overseas, and that owing to her initiative the members of the Grand Council have received an invitation from the Treasurer, Lord Stanmore, to attend a Dinner in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on July 13th, and that Members of Congress will be received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, at the Guildhall, places us all in her debt.

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