

### MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK'S JUBILEE.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick did not really intend to celebrate a Jubilee of work for the organisation of the Nursing Profession, and the gathering which ultimately took place on December 7th last, to present her with an Address of Thanks, was to be considered an informal occasion. All the same she wishes to express her warmest thanks to those colleagues who have so kindly written to her conveying their good wishes. The following letter from Belgium from Miss M. Damman, President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses, has been received with sincere appreciation and gratitude. Mrs. Fenwick's visit to Brussels in 1933 with the International Council of Nurses, will ever remain one of her happiest memories.

Fédération Nationale des Infirmières Belges.  
Brussels, the 27th January 1938.

DEAR MADAM,—The National Federation of the Belgian Nurses regrets not to have known the date of your professional jubilee. We would have wished to associate all our feelings of thanks and admiration to you, dear Madam, with all those you received from all parts of the world.

If these greetings do reach you rather late, we beg you to pardon us, and we wish to express to you, if the last certainly not the least, all our gratitude and most sincere good wishes.

Believe me,  
Respectfully yours,  
M. DAMMAN.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,  
39, Portland Place,  
London.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

#### MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

The War Office announces that His Majesty The King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Miss Catherine Murray Roy, R.R.C., M.M., to be Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in succession to Miss Daisy Maud Martin, R.R.C., who will retire from the Service in April next.

Miss Roy is a Principal Matron of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and has served at the War Office since 1934. She was appointed a Staff Nurse in 1909, promoted Sister in 1917, Matron in 1932, and Principal Matron in 1934. During the Great War she served in France and Belgium and was mentioned in despatches. She was awarded the Military Medal in 1917 and the Royal Red Cross at the end of the War.

### PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

The Air Ministry announces :—

In order to supplement Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service in time of emergency, it has been decided to recruit a reserve of fully trained and State registered nurses.

Candidates must be between the ages of 24 and 40, single, or widows without children, and be prepared, in a national emergency, to serve at home or abroad.

Candidates will be enrolled for a period of three years, which may be extended from time to time, and when mobilised will be eligible for promotion. When called up for service, members will be issued with an allowance to cover the cost of providing and maintaining uniform and will be entitled to receive pay ranging from £80 a year in the case of a Staff nurse to £140 in the case of a Senior Sister. In addition, an allowance is issuable to cover washing, and board and, where quarters, fuel, etc., are not available, allowances in lieu are payable.

Membership does not entail any period of annual training, but arrangements will be made to enable members to do duty in a Royal Air Force Hospital for a week or a fortnight if they wish.

Regulations of entry, and application forms may be obtained on application to the Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

### AUSTRALIA'S 150th BIRTHDAY.

On January 26th, Australia celebrated the 150th anniversary of her foundation with magnificent pageantry, which included a representation of the landing of Captain Phillip from the brig *Supply* and "Australia's march to Nationhood." We secured a copy of the Anniversary number of *The Times*, in which the 150 years of Australia's destiny is reviewed, and an astounding story is therein revealed. One hundred and fifty years of splendid Empire building extended through territory which is now known as New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South and Western Australia, men and women, hand in hand, have worked miracles.

The anniversary was celebrated in London by the laying of wreaths on the memorial in St. Mildred's Church, E.C., to Captain Phillip, a special service in St. Clement Danes, and a crowded reception at Australia House.

#### AFFECTIONATE CONGRATULATIONS.

The following cablegram was sent from London to Sydney, N.S.W., on January 26th :—

Kellett, Australian Nursing Federation,  
185, Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

National Council Nurses Great Britain send affectionate congratulations to colleagues Australian Nursing Federation on the commemoration of the founding 150 years ago of the Commonwealth of Australia by Admiral Arthur Phillip, first Governor of New South Wales.

Ethel Bedford Fenwick, President.

To which the following reply was received at National Council Headquarters in London, on February 3rd :—

Sydney,  
President, National Council of Nurses,  
39, Portland Place, London.

Members Australian Nursing Federation greatly appreciate kind thought and congratulations of British colleagues.

Kellett, President.

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