

cheap substitute by the lowering of standards, but out of a special fund provided for the purpose.

No Society is so well suited to select and place nurses in necessitous districts, to supervise their work, and to maintain adequate standards as the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. At present the Institute has no funds which it can apply to the maintenance of nurses in necessitous districts, but such a fund might be raised, and we believe that if her Majesty the Queen, who is the Patron of the Institute, and takes such a warm interest in its welfare, would appeal to the nation for funds to provide the sick in poor and scantily populated districts with thoroughly trained nurses, money would be speedily forthcoming. The fact that the extra £2,000 a year required to meet the general expenses of the Institute has been so readily provided since the Queen asked for it proves how strongly an appeal of this kind is felt.

M. G. Mesureur, the Director-General of the Assistance Publique in Paris, recently remitted the *palmes académiques*, a much coveted honour, to three *surveillantes*. A number of *surveillantes*, as well as several *infirmiers* and *infirmières* have also received the silver and bronze medals of the Assistance Publique.

M. Mesureur has announced to the nursing staff at the Salpêtrière Hospital that they will henceforth, in addition to their annual holiday, have two days' leave a month, one whole day and two half-days.

The two important questions in the American nursing world for the moment (registration it, of course, has always with it) are (1) the entire ownership by the National Associated Alumnae (the National Association of Nurses of the United States) of the *American Journal of Nursing*, and this the members are determined to accomplish. We agree with American nurses that it is of vital importance their official organ should be their own property.

(2) The necessity for the continuance of the course of Hospital Economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, and that its direction should for all time remain in the hands of a member of the nursing profession. It is proposed that an Endowment Fund for a Chair of Nursing at Columbia University should be raised. It is estimated that 75,000 dollars must be raised for the purpose.

Surgeon-General Presley M. Rixey, in a recent address before the Garfield Memorial Hospital School for Nurses, in Washington, spoke of his desire for trained nurses in the Navy. He said in part: "I hope in the near future to offer to woman nurses service in the care of the sick and injured in the Navy, and if the advice of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery had been taken, the sick of the Navy at shore stations and in naval hospitals would, several years ago, have had the valuable aid of women nurses. I have for more than four years urged upon five different Secretaries of the Navy, and, with their permission, upon Congress, our great need. My action upon this question has been so persistent and forceful that I cannot see how we failed; but so it is to-day that we are urgently in need of trained men and women nurses, and as I have so often explained to those upon whom the decision rests, this absence of proper nursing means suffering for those who are unable to help themselves. The Government supplies accomplished physicians and surgeons, with splendidly equipped hospitals and facilities on every ship for the proper care of those sick or injured; in fact, an up-to-date equipment. The one blot upon this splendid establishment is the want of what you represent—trained nursing. My hope and belief and consolation is that our work in the past four years will, during the next Congress, bear fruit, and that we shall within the next year have not only a well-equipped and organised male hospital corps, but a woman nurse corps and dental surgeons."

Nursing in India.

The following extracts from a Note presented by Mrs. E. Davies, the Chief Lady Superintendent, at a Meeting held at Vice-regal Lodge, Calcutta, on the progress and working of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association proves that at last a serious effort is being made to bring skilled nursing within the reach of the sick in India.

Central Committee.—The general progress of the Association up-to-date may be described as extremely satisfactory. The favourable reception accorded to the movement from the first has been well maintained, and has aroused a healthy interest in the various provinces where branches have been and are being formed.

Travelling concessions have been most generously granted on the main railways throughout India, including the subsidiary lines in Eastern Bengal and Assam—enabling Nursing Sisters to travel 1st class at 2nd class rates.

Similar concessions have been obtained from the Rivers Steam and India General Steam Naviga-

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