

CENTRAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE NURSING PROFESSION.

The membership and terms of reference of the Committee, appointed by the Minister of Health (as announced early this month) to compile a Register of Nurses and nursing auxiliaries available for service in a national emergency, are as follows:—

Sir Malcolm Delevingne,	Chairman
K.C.B., K.C.V.O.	
Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E.,	General Nursing Council
R.R.C., LL.D.	
Sir Comyns Berkeley, M.D.,	Central Midwives Board
F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.C.O.G.	
Miss D. S. Coode	College of Nursing
Dame Beryl Oliver, D.B.E.,	British Red Cross Society
R.R.C.	
Lady Perrott, R.R.C. ...	Order of St. John
The Dowager Marchioness	Women's Voluntary Services
of Reading	for Civil Defence
G. C. Anderson, Esq., M.D.,	British Medical Association
LL.D.	
Sir Frederick Menzies,	London County Council
K.B.E., K.H.P.	
E. W. Cemlyn-Jones, Esq.	County Councils' Association
Alderman W. E. Wilford,	Association of Municipal
J.P.	Corporations
James Ferguson, Esq., M.B.,	Society of Medical Officers of
B.Ch., D.P.H.	Health
W. H. Harper, Esq. ...	British Hospitals' Association
Miss B. M. Martin, R.R.C.	Admiralty
Miss C. M. Roy, R.R.C.,	War Office
M.M.	
Miss E. M. Blair, R.R.C....	Air Ministry
Colonel Moore, M.B., O.B.E.	Ministry of Pensions
H. N. de Villiers, Esq. ...	Ministry of Labour
N. W. Hammer, Esq.,	Home Office, Air Raid Pre-
M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.	cautions Department
Miss Z. L. Puxley, O.B.E.	Ministry of Health
(Miss Puxley will also act as Secretary to the Committee)	

The functions of the Committee will be:—

(a) To ascertain the nursing personnel available in England and Wales by collecting the numbers of nurses in the employment of voluntary and statutory organisations and by the compilation and maintenance of a register of all other nurses and nurse assistants who are prepared to offer their services in an emergency; and

(b) To compile and maintain a register of nursing auxiliaries who are prepared to offer their services in an emergency.

NATIONAL OR NAZI?

We have no doubt that members of the nursing profession, a most patriotic group of women, will eagerly offer National Service, and once more, presumably, without avail, we protest against the exclusion of the nurses' independent organisations from representation on a Government Committee dealing with their affairs on which every species of employer is represented.

In refusing representation to Nurses' professional organizations we are informed "that the Minister of Health cannot see his way, etc."

We advise the sooner he consults a political oculist the better, as this attempt by a Government Department to suppress free opinion in our ranks has now become an intolerable attempt of coercion. The honourable record of the independent nurses' organisations, their creative work, power of organisation and devoted public service is well known, and presumably feared, by the notorious intolerance of many of their employers.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

We learn that so strongly is the recent evidence of coercion felt, that the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, which played such an honourable and successful part in obtaining legal status for nurses, through the Nurses' Registration Acts, intends for the future to take active political action and claim the right of self-determination, as Trades Union organisations have done with signal success, before participating in the coming Appeal for National Service.

The negotiations of the Government with the Trade Unions and the Labour Party regarding the machinery to be employed have gone very well.

We learn they had some stipulations to make. "They wanted larger industrial representation on the local committees. They wanted a central co-ordinating committee. They wanted to see beforehand the terms of service for whole-time volunteers and the form of the contractual obligations to be undertaken. On the first two points they have received satisfaction. On the others, which are still undetermined, their views will be given full weight. As soon as they are settled, the trade union and political organisations of Labour are prepared to circularise all their local representatives and organisations, urging them to take their full part in the forthcoming effort."

A Lesson for Registered Nurses.

This is a lesson the 85,000 Registered Nurses must take to heart before they will be treated as responsible human beings by the most reactionary Government of modern times, so far as women are concerned.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Owing to the expiration of the lease of 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, the Headquarters of the British College of Nurses has been established at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, which it is hoped will be ready for the reception of members at an early date. 'Phone: Western 2234.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Captain George Richard Tufton, Chelsea, S.W., left an annuity of £400 "to my hospital nurse, Constance Jane Thursfield, who has looked after me during the past 20 years."

Mr. Ernest Inchbold, of Ben Rhydding, Yorks, left his nurse, Miss Agnes C. Beverage £4,000. She had nursed him with devotion for three years.

Sir Harry Graumans, of Cape Town, left £250 to Mary Inger, c/o the Nurses' Co-operation, Langham Street, W.; and £7,000 to her for life with remainder to her nominees.

Mr. Cliff Alexander Mawer Clark, of Nuthurst, Sussex, left £100, the use and enjoyment of his residence and furniture and £468 a year to Elinor Muriel Krall "for her unflinching devotion and kindness in nursing me."

Mrs. Maude Jessie Marion Nunn, of Royston, Herts, left £200 to her nurse, Miss Humphreys.

Mr. S. G. Asher, of Berkeley Square, London, W., left £75 to Sister Patchett, £25 to Nurse Bird and £10 each to two other nurses who had attended him, as a mark of appreciation.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND TO BENEFIT.

We have received an intimation from the executors of the late Miss Elizabeth Blizard that, under her will, the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is to receive a legacy of £330. Miss Blizard was a Life Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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