

## REMEMBRANCE DAY, 1946.

On Sunday, November 10th, a fine late autumn morning, His Majesty the King led his people in observing Remembrance Day. Just before the Two Minutes' Silence His Majesty unveiled the new and very simple inscription on the Cenotaph "1939" and "1945."

After the Silence, the King and the Princess Elizabeth placed wreaths on the Cenotaph, followed by heads of State and the Services.

Remembrance Day Religious Services were held in Westminster Abbey and in places of worship throughout the length and breadth of the land.

## FAMILY DOCTOR IS "BEST FOR CHILDREN."

We learn that nearly 60 per cent. of 135 children's hospitals, or children's departments of general hospitals, in England in 1944, did not have a State registered sick children's nurse.

Of 233 sisters, only 40 per cent. had received training for the nursing of sick children.

These figures are given in the final report, just published, of a committee of the Royal College of Physicians appointed to inquire into infant hygiene and diseases of children.

## New buildings needed.

The report declares that not only will existing hospitals and units have to be improved in staffing and equipment if a satisfactory health service is to be provided for children in the next 15 years, but considerable reorganising is required, as well as new buildings when possible.

The gap between the preventive services provided by local health authorities and the clinical services provided by practitioners and hospitals must be closed, it adds.

The committee recommends that a long-term policy should aim at making the general practitioners primarily responsible for the medical care of the child, in both the prevention and treatment of the disease, "since he is the one best fitted to give this service in the home."

The committee wants nurses staffing children's hospitals and departments to be fully trained in the care of sick children and for child health visitors, able to nurse the sick child and to teach child health, to be given nursing and preventive work in clinics and schools.

## PARALYSIS AGITANS:

We wish to point out that the dosage of hyoseine hydrobromide in the treatment of Paralysis Agitans should be gr.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , and not gr. 150, which, by a printer's error, appeared in our last issue.

We understand that danger involved is not very great, as a nurse would not give this drug without authority.

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY

- "The Pageant of the Years." Philip Gibbs.  
"Journey down a Blind Alley." Mary Borden.

## FICTION.

- "His Fight is Ours." Jane Lane.  
"Farewell Yesterday." H. A. Vachell.  
"Roger Sudden." Thomás H. Raddall.  
"A Foolish Wind." Francis Askham.  
"Life begins Anew." Godfrey Craven.  
"Family Honeymoon." Homer Croy.  
"Three O'clock Dinner." Josephine Pinckney.  
"Marguerite Reilly." Elizabeth Lake.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- "The Theatre through the Ages." James Cleaver.  
"The Gardens of Paradise Alley." Bernard Wetherall.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

## A READER'S APPRECIATION.

Basingstoke.

November 1st, 1946.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have read with much interest the Editorial in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, also the article on the Future of Nursing Recruitment by the Matron of the Charing Cross Hospital.

May I suggest that the editorial and the article be sent to *The Times*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail* as THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is read mainly by people in the nursing profession, and not by the general public, or possible recruits.

Yours faithfully,

R. I. IRVIN, S.R.N.

## GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

C/o Health Dept.,

Wellington, New Zealand.

October 3rd, 1946.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—Owing to being away in the South Island for two or three weeks my reading of the English Nursing journals had been belated. I was so very sorry to hear of your accident and hope to hear of your sound recovery. You must have been very sad to be in bed when the various International meetings were being held, and I am sure your many friends would miss you as this will have been the first of these meetings you have missed.

I have met your great-niece, Miss Eley several times at Government House. She is very popular because she is so interested in everything and everybody, and has such a gracious manner. Although I appreciate most sincerely the honour New Zealand nurses have been done through her, in my election to the Florence Nightingale Foundation, I feel very humble personally and only hope that I can contribute something to this Foundation which at the present time has a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the nursing service of the world.

With my best wishes for your recovery and my kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

MARY LAMBIE.

## NEW FRIENDS FOR THE GRENFELL MISSION.

Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland,  
66, Victoria Street,

London, S.W.1.

October 17th, 1946.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Will you kindly accept our most sincere thanks for the publicity given to our work through the advertising of our cards in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

We are all most grateful for your kind interest and help which once again has been instrumental in introducing new friends and subscribers to the Grenfell Mission.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. COLLINS.

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