

The seals are printed in traditional Christmas colours of holly red and green, and each bears the double-barred Red Cross, the international symbol of the fight against tuberculosis. The cost of the Christmas Seals is 4s. per 100, and Christmas cards in a charming design to match are 6s. per dozen (including envelopes). Supplies can be obtained from the Duchess of Portland, Chairman, N.A.P.T., Tavistock House North, W.C.1. The Christmas Seal Sale opened on October 20th and continues until Christmas.

It is particularly appropriate that the "Christmas Robin," the messenger of cheerfulness and hope, should be the principal feature of this year's design, because the keynote of the campaign today is hopefulness. So much has been achieved by modern methods of treatment and rehabilitation that the patient has now a far better chance of complete recovery, and we feel justified in looking forward within reasonable time to the conquest of the disease in this country. But in spite of the progress made we cannot afford to be complacent, for latest records show that even now 300 people die from tuberculosis each week in Britain and 1,000 fresh cases are discovered. The work of prevention is vitally necessary and so is the care of those unfortunate enough to contract the disease. Voluntary effort in co-operation with local authorities in these fields of welfare and prevention is everywhere regarded as an integral part of the campaign. This is the work for which the Christmas Seal Sale provides the main financial support, and it is interesting to note that within the last twenty years some hundreds of thousands of pounds for the work of local Care Committees and for the activities of the N.A.P.T. has been raised by this means.

The Christmas Season.

ONCE AGAIN the Christmas season approaches, and with it the desire to find the best and most attractive cards with which to greet our friends.

Thus we welcome the charming Christmas cards issued by the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland, of which friends so often have said "Yours is the loveliest one we have had!" and invariably it was none other than a Grenfell issue.

We are, therefore, very happy to learn that the Grenfell Association feels grateful for the attention drawn to their beautiful cards through the columns of this journal. Last year, which was an excellent season for them, they sold even a larger quantity than usual.

This year, the Association hopes to do still better, as in these increasingly difficult times they are depending on the sale of their cards to enable them to help the fishermen of Labrador.

When the sanatorium at St. Anthony is built, it will bring a message of hope to countless fishermen and will check, at last, the ravages of tuberculosis in the north. This important step could not have been undertaken without the generosity of their friends, and will be a landmark in their history.

But much remains to be done. Apart from the additional upkeep of the sanatorium in the future and the general maintenance of the work, there are a great many isolated settlements still without a resident doctor or nurse within hundreds of miles, the distance to be covered by dog-team in winter and by boat in summer, through blizzards and storms.

This year's cards and prices are sent to us with the hope that we may be able to mention them in the Journal again this year.

"Goose Bay, Labrador," a delightful study in pastel shades, price 1s. 3d. each; "Ivy and Brumas," a black and white study of Mother and Baby Bear, price 6d. each; "Winter Travel in Labrador," a beautiful card in pastel

blue and white showing a sledge and dog team on duty, price 7d. each; and "A Labrador Christmas Party," merry little animals round the loaded Christmas tree, in pretty colours, 6d. each.

Attractive pocket calendars for 3½d. each are also on sale, depicting an Eskimo Woman and her children.

In this noble cause our nurses are only too anxious to do all in their power to give wholehearted support, and we would remind our readers that an illustrated leaflet may be obtained from the Secretary of the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland, 66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, for 1½d.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

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(To hold office until September, 1953.)

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The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees.

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(To hold office until September, 1953.)

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British Red Cross Society

ON MONDAY EVENING, October 27th, 1952, at 5.45 p.m. at Ciro's Club, Orange Street, Leicester Square, an intimate cocktail party was given on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, County of London Branch, to discuss arrangements for a Fund-Raising Ball to be held at Ciro's Club on December 12th, 1952. The cocktail party was the generous gift of Ciro's Club and those who were privileged to attend can bear witness to the generosity and spontaneity of the gift.

Many distinguished guests attended the party and committee meeting, and many interesting and clever suggestions were put forward to ensure the success of the Ball on December 12th. Amongst the distinguished guests were Miss Muriel Silk—by profession a picture restorer, who has recently given her 50th live blood transfusion. Miss Silk is a member of the Greater London Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, and when I spoke to her she looked a picture of health and happiness. She stated quite naturally that she was always prepared—night or day—to be called to give a pint of her blood. She is not "a bottle donor"—but gives her blood by the direct method to patients who are "in extremis"—regardless of sex, race or age. Of such stuff are heroes made! And the British Red Cross abounds in such as these!

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