

World Health Organization.

Pageant of the History of Nursing.

A GREAT DRIVE is under way in the Federation of Malaya to find recruits for the nursing profession which is very much under-staffed there, as in other countries.

The members of a nursing education demonstration project assisted by the World Health Organization took part recently in the staging of a Pageant of the History of Nursing at Penang, Federation of Malaya, which was supported by the Education Department and coincided with the practical completion of a new hostel for 250 nurses.

The School of Nursing, assisted by W.H.O., is now publishing a magazine and according to a recent report from Miss L. Turnbull, W.H.O. Team Leader of the Nursing Education Project, and Miss R. K. Applebee, Principal Nursing Tutor, Federation of Malaya, the general standard of nursing care in the Federation is already improving, while the response to recruitment of student nurses in Penang is most encouraging.

Letter to the Editor.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

17, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

24th November, 1955.

EDITOR,
BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,

Many British nurses and perhaps more particularly those who had the privilege of attending the International Council of Nurses Congress at Atlantic City in 1947, will remember with gratitude the kindly welcome which they received on their arrival in America from the late Miss Florence Johnson.

It is now proposed to set up a memorial to perpetuate the outstanding work which she did for nurses throughout the world and in connection with this, the following letter has been received at the National Council of Nurses Headquarters:—

"Dear Friends of Nurses House,

Several of you have written asking what Nurses House will do as a tribute to our beloved Florence Johnson. Some of you have sent contributions towards whatever might be done.

A small committee was appointed to consider the wishes of Florence's friends who are also friends of the Nurses House service. We have asked a number of you what you think would be appropriate. Every answer has included 'service and hospitality for nurses,' with emphasis on perpetuating if possible, Florence's unique service of extending a cordial welcome to nurses of other countries.

The Florence Johnson Fund to be administered by Nurses House through a small Committee will therefore, be used for two purposes:—

1. To help nurses meet particular needs.
2. To welcome and extend hospitality in New York and whenever possible in Babylon, to nurses who come from the four corners of the earth to share their culture and nursing experiences with us as well as to get an insight into American nursing and learn to know American nurses.

We hope these uses of the Fund will meet with your approval. Do not hesitate to make suggestions—the Committee will welcome them.

Sincerely yours,

MARY M. ROBERTS.
LILLIAN A. HUDSON.
ALTA E. DINES, *Chairman.*"

This letter was considered at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, when after discussion it was agreed to invite British nurses to contribute to this memorial to an outstanding personality. Donations for this purpose will therefore gladly be received by Miss D. A. Lane, the Honorary Treasurer of the National Council of Nurses at its headquarters office, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1. These donations will then be forwarded in the name of the nurses of Great Britain to the Committee set up in America to deal with the proposed memorial. The Fund will be closed on 1st February, 1956.

Yours faithfully,

L. G. DUFF GRANT, *President.*
National Council of Nurses of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(Whilst sympathising with this suggestion, we feel that there are still illustrious personages whose recognition in such a manner is long overdue.)

The Midwife.

Central Midwives Board.

First Examination.

2nd November, 1955. From 2 to 5 p.m.

Candidates are advised to attempt to answer all the questions.

1. Describe the anatomical relations of the vagina. Indicate their importance in midwifery.
2. What observations are made on a patient who has toxæmia of late pregnancy?
Why are these observations important?
3. In the case of prolongation of the first stage of labour what observations would you make and record and what would be the indications for calling in medical aid?
4. What is puerperal pyrexia?
Enumerate the common causes and discuss the investigation of such a case.
5. What abnormal conditions may develop in an apparently normal baby in the first 48 hours following its birth?
Briefly discuss their management.
6. What advice would you give to a pregnant woman concerning her diet?
Give your reasons.

Last Word for 1955.

Set thy sails warily,
Tempests will come;
Steer thy course steadily;
Christian, steer home!

MRS. SOUTHEY.

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