

to the keen, and a sound basis for future judgment and leadership.

When we meet with sorrow, we turn only to those whose lives have experienced sorrow and therefore can appreciate and show us the greatest sympathy and guidance at that time. Likewise in nursing, let us be sure when choosing our leaders, that their nursing credentials are not "limited" in "design," but are interwoven with experience, necessary for the wider understanding and dealing with all types of problems. Such leaders will ensure influence and guidance throughout the profession, resulting in the greatest "artistry and design" in our training.

Without the essential experience, such leadership must constantly evade dealing effectively with the endless issues involved, and existence is only possible by a buoyancy of false values, which, like the meaningless sand castle, will come to an end, proving a mercy rather than a loss to all who "cried in the wilderness."

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National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis Health Lecturer for Scotland.

THE SCOTTISH BRANCH of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has appointed a Health Lecturer for Scotland, who will visit organisations in all parts of the country, lecturing on health, nutrition and the prevention of tuberculosis. She will show 16 mm. "sound" films, by a portable cinema projector which can work in any place where electric current is available.

The Lecturer is Miss J. M. E. McVicker, R.G.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Miss McVicker trained as a Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and studied for the Health Visitor Certificate at the University of Edinburgh. She has worked for the Midlothian and Peeblesshire County Councils, as a Health Visitor on general duties, and also as a Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

Local health authorities organising health campaigns are invited to ask for the N.A.P.T. Health Lecturer to work in their area during the campaign. Secretaries of Women's Rural Institutes, Guilds, Youth organisations, and other bodies, are asked to write to the Scottish Secretary, N.A.P.T., 65, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2, if they would like to arrange a lecture and film show.

Royal Sanitary Institute News.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILFRED BEVERIDGE, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.B., D.P.H., a Vice-President of the Royal Sanitary Institute, celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Tuesday, November 16th, 1954.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE announces that it has elected Dr. Walter L. Bierring, former Health Commissioner for the State of Iowa, as well as a former President of the American Public Health Association, as an Honorary Fellow of the Institute.

Dr. Bierring, who is aged 86, is the doyen of the American public Health Service.

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.

DEAR EDITOR,

The return of "Letters to the Editor" is a healthy sign.

Opposition surely makes us progressive. Also it is a means of showing appreciation as well as indignation. Nurses' and patients' problems should be brought to public notice.—Yours faithfully,

OVER 60, BUT PROGRESSIVE.

The Midwife.

Central Midwives Board.

FIRST EXAMINATION
November 3rd, 1954

1. Describe the uterus.
What changes take place in this organ during labour?
2. How may antenatal care reduce the risks of childbearing?
3. Describe your management of a twin labour, giving reasons for any special precautions you would take.
4. What observations of the mother do you make during the lying-in period?
What is their significance?
5. A baby will not suck properly. What measures may you take to overcome this?
6. A woman 38 weeks pregnant has a loss of blood per vaginam. Outline the possible causes and treatment.

Cards of Greeting.

HOW CHARMING these messengers of Christmas! This year, again various and beautiful, not only do they rub up our geography, but through our international affinities we catch a glimpse of the sacred festival as seen in other lands; reminding us, despite a changing and harassed world, of the growing hope for peace and goodwill at this festive season. The headquarters I.C.N. and I.F.N.F. card this year presents the map of Europe inscribed in silver on a deep-blue circle, with blue bow, with greetings and sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. From the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland come a reproduction of the N.C.N. Badge—richly embossed in deep blue and gold—on a pure-white card with bow. Matron-in-Chief, War Office, Greeting Card presents the fine picture of the Procession through London of her Majesty The Queen returning from her World Tour on May 15th, 1954. The Canadian Nurses' Association—with delicately coloured reproduction of badge—the coloured portrait of Her Majesty The Queen, "Our Patron and President" and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, from British Red Cross Society.

The Trained Nurses Association of India—the card of good wishes—presents their badge in scarlet and white, inscribed "Lighted to Lighten."

From Pretoria, the President, Board and Members of the South African Nursing Association, wishing a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Among many from Australia—typical of that continent's wide, open spaces—scenes of the kangaroo in his native wild haunts of great beauty—other greetings from South Australia, a novel painting on back depicting the Emu and his legend told, and from a dear revered friend come good wishes with lovely view of Sydney's Botanic Gardens, with fine buildings blending into the skyline, glorious colouring, in such a glowing sunshine!

Then come Canada's snowy regions—and from U.S.A., gay cards from across the miles with kind remembrances, and from Holland—of icy waters—greetings for a Happy Christmas. Toronto sends greetings from Queen Elizabeth Hospital Garden—with a photo of a flaming canna bed in their lovely garden.

Word for the Month.

Remembrance for the Past,
Good Wishes for the Present,
Bright Hopes for the Future.

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