

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The time is now drawing near when, at the September meeting, the first list of applicants for Registration will be considered; and as, after the Application Form and Fee have been received at the Office, the references take some time to gather in, all those nurses who wish to be registered at the first opportunity should forward their Forms to the Registrar without delay. Nurses living in London will save themselves trouble by calling at 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, and handing in Form and Fee. Between the hours of 11 to 1 (for night nurses) and 2 to 5 are most convenient.

We are glad to learn that Miss Cox Davies has sufficiently recovered from her serious illness to be able to leave the Royal Free Hospital for change of air. We sincerely hope she may greatly benefit thereby.

WHERE TO REGISTER.

In England and Wales.—Apply to the Registrar, G.N.C., 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

In Scotland.—Apply to the Registrar, 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh

In Ireland.—Apply to the Registrar, 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENTS AT HOLLOWAY PRISON.

Viscountess Astor on August 11th asked the Secretary for the Home Department whether the lady superintendents recently appointed in Holloway Prison possessed medical or nursing qualifications; if not, what other qualifications they possessed; and what were their duties and powers.—Mr. Shortt replied: One of these ladies is a highly qualified nurse, who has had much experience in charge of outside hospitals. She has the supervision of all the hospital work of the prison and of the hospital staff, subject to the control of the medical officers and the Governor, who is a medical man. The other has had great experience as a prison officer, and has the supervision of the disciplinary side of the prison with its staff, subject to the control of the Governor.

The "highly qualified nurse" to whom the Home Secretary referred is Miss L. E. Jolley, who was, before the war, Matron of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, who did good service at Salonika and elsewhere during the war, and was, for a time, Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

The silly season must, we suppose, be held responsible for the statement published in more than one paper that officers appointed to permanent commissions in the Q.A.I.M.N. Service are

to have a free issue of camp kit in kind. The members of the Service will get the camp kit, but none of them hold commissions as officers, permanent or otherwise, as all the nursing world knows

GREAT MOVEMENTS.

Mrs. A. M. Dike, Commissioner of the American Committee for Devastated France, writes in her latest report:

All great movements, like all great men, have had small beginnings. Sir Isaac Newton was not only a baby, but a seven-months baby—he grew up and forever to be honoured are the forces that sheltered his nascent life and with him a century's scientific advance.

There comes a time in any movement which has arisen in answer to a real demand and in response to a vital need, when those who have hovered it as a hen hovers her brood, a woman her nursing, recognize that it has outgrown its nursery and is pushing forward into the outer world to justify the purposes which gave it birth. Such a time has come to the Nursing Service of the American Committee.

It began in answer to the appeal of one group of mothers and babies in one little shattered village. It spread over the area covered by the American Committee because everywhere there was the same appeal. It has confined itself to this limited area because neither the funds nor the trained personnel have been available to permit its extension. But so rigid has it maintained its standard of personnel as of work—and so devoted have been the French nurses who are giving their youth to its development, that it has already reached a place of international importance as a demonstration field for the work of graduate nurses unique on the continent of Europe.

To set forth this position to our Committee in America and prove the claim of the nursing service that the time has come for something bigger is the purpose of this report rather than to give a detailed account of work accomplished during the past fiscal year. Statistics, compiled from the daily reports of every nurse, show that the staff which began with one graduate nurse and now includes sixteen in the Aisne, two on scholarships in America and seven in Rheims, has had in the Aisne alone in the past nine months, nearly nine thousand patients for instruction or nursing; has accompanied over a thousand to hospitals, dispensaries, doctors' offices and to an oculist, and cared for seventy-four in a convalescent home.

A touching instance of local appreciation came recently when my colleague, Miss Walker, was unanimously voted an honorary member of the communal Relief Bureau of the town of Vauxbuin, not only because of the "enlightened and untiring devotion which the nurses had given the sick of Vauxbuin" . . . but because "this precious help" had so lessened disease as to diminish sensibly the Bureau's heavy budgetary expense for medical and pharmaceutical care.

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