

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY FAMILIES' NURSING SERVICE.

A new Royal Warrant abolishes the rank of Sister-in-Charge in the Constitution of the Queen Alexandra's Military Families' Nursing Service and substitutes that of Sister. Existing Sisters-in-Charge will consequently be appointed to the rank of Sister with effect from July 1st, 1926.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

1. What are the principal points to be taken into consideration in connection with the heating, lighting and ventilation of (a) a living room and (b) what would you consider essential in a good larder or food store?
2. What first aid would you give a child who is burnt or scalded and what are the dangers against which you would guard? What do you know of the degrees of burns?
3. What effect have the following on the human body? (a) sunshine, (b) heavy clothing, (c) cold baths and (d) constipation?
4. At what approximate age does (a) the anterior fontanelle close, (b) the first tooth appear, (c) an infant sit up without support and (d) begin to walk? What conditions might delay these developments?
5. What equipment would you take with you for attending to a case of measles and what would you do (a) for the patient, (b) for the prevention of complications, and (c) as precautionary measures in connection with the rest of the family.
- 6a. Describe the work of any organisation of which you know which gives help in time of sickness to those amongst whom you work.
- 6b. You are asked to speak to some girls at a club on how to keep fit and healthy; give headings and short notes for your address.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

VALEDICTORY MEETINGS.

The Valedictory Meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League to wish God-speed to 31 members sailing for the Mission Field this year was held at University Hall (Dr. Williams' Library), Gordon Square, W.C., on Wednesday, October 6th. The key note of the Programme was "Wide Opportunities for Active Service," with special reference in the morning to "In all places of His Dominion"; in the afternoon among "all manner of sickness and all manner of disease," and in the evening in "my manner of life."

In the morning there was also a discussion on the contribution of the nursing profession to Missions Overseas, led by Miss Guyton (India), Miss Hope (China), Miss Jago (China), Miss Miller (Egypt).

In the afternoon addresses were given by Miss M. Elms, H.S.S., Onitsha, and Mrs J. R. Moffatt (Transvaal), and in the evening by Miss E. F. Mason on "A Call for help from the Women of India."

As is usual with these meetings that on Wednesday, October 6th, was well attended, enjoyable, friendly, and stimulating, and could not fail to hearten those Nurses proceeding to the Mission Field for the first time with a sense of solidarity and comradeship.

The chief interest centred in the evening meeting, when there were on the platform eleven of the Sailing members. Each of the eleven said a few words, showing how she came to offer for Missionary service and telling where she hoped to work. They were thrilling and very varied stories. Some had looked forward from childhood to this step, others had only heard the call after their training was finished. They were going to such differing spheres as pioneer work in Tanganyika, a large hospital and training school for Chinese nurses at Hangchow, a women's hospital in Madras. Altogether the 33 Sailing members represent 28 training schools in this country, and are going to work in China, India, Egypt, Persia, Palestine, East and South Africa, Uganda, and South America.

QUIET DAY.

The Nurses' Missionary League is arranging to hold a Quiet Day on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at the Chapel of the Ascension, Bayswater Road. The Day will be conducted by the Rev. Stuart Cox, M.A., the subjects of Addresses being as follows:—General Subject: "The Christian's Life." 10.30 a.m., Its permanent abode; 12 noon, Its purpose; 3.15 p.m., Its possibilities; 5 p.m., Its power.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

For the first time for many years the National Council of Women of Great Britain has met in London (at the Church House, Westminster, in October) has discussed many interesting topics, and passed various Resolutions.

We regret that no Registered Nurse was elected a member of the Executive Committee. For many years no member of the Nursing Profession had a seat on that Committee, until strong representations were made by more than one of the Nurses' Organisations affiliated to the Council.

Of recent years Miss S. A. Villiers, S.R.N., Hon. Treasurer of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, has done useful work on the Committee, and the fact that neither she, nor any other Registered Nurse, has been elected to serve for the ensuing year is greatly to be regretted.

COURAGE AND ENDURANCE.

We admire courage beyond anything and were thrilled to read of the splendid action of brave Ethel Langton, 15 years of age, who for three days and three nights was alone on the Bembridge Lighthouse. Her father was on shore and unable through the gale to get back. This brave girl climbed up the outside iron ladder, opened the big iron door, and started her light, and this is not the first time she has thus been caught by the gale.

It is good to learn Ethel Langton has been presented with an expanding gold wrist watch. She has had £10 to go to London to see the sights, and £38 has been invested for her for a gift on her 21st birthday.

The St. George's Society of London, Ontario, Canada, has sent to the little heroine a gold brooch with the Canadian five dollar gold piece encircled with the maple leaf as a memento, inscribed, "To Ethel Langton for courage and endurance."

We wonder how much of our British national qualities we owe to the sea—it is an inspiring girdle for any land.

The Young Women's Christian Association have acquired a site for a Central Club House for business girls and women at the junction of Tottenham Court Road and New Oxford Street, with the main entrance in Great Russell Street, the estimated cost of which will be £250,000, of which £100,000 remains to be raised. Business girls, who have formed their own Council, have raised over £10,000 of this sum, and it is anticipated that the sale of the present Y.W.C.A. building in George Street, Hanover Square, will realise £40,000, which with other sums will mean a total available of £123,500. An appeal was made by the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., to the business community at a dinner at the Hotel Cecil on October 27th with gratifying result.

Sir Herbert Morgan, speaking recently at a luncheon in support of the movement, said that women were amongst the greatest assets that commerce possessed. In his opinion women gave more loyal and devoted service to the interests to which they were attached than the vast majority of men, and were absolutely trustworthy in all commercial undertakings.

TRUE STORY

Visitor to Mother of a mentally defective boy :—"How is it Jimmy has not gone back to school yet, Mrs. Smith?"

Mrs. Smith :—"You see, Ma'am, e've been laid up, and some doctor called th' other day and said as 'e must be got away to a convalescent 'ome for a bit."

Visitor :—"Can you tell me which doctor recommended this, and I will see if I can arrange it for you?"

Mrs. Smith :—"Indeed, Ma'am, I couldn't tell you 'is name, 'twas a gen'lman I've never seed before, but I b'lieve 'twas one 'o them there *men'tly defishunt doctors*!"

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