

NURSING AS A RED CROSS RESPONSIBILITY.

"Nursing as a Red Cross Responsibility," by Mlle. J. Lefebvre, in the April *Monthly Bulletin*, the organ of the L.R.C.S., contains most interesting international nursing news. As reported:—

The responsibilities of the Red Cross in the field of nursing were summed up by the XIVth International Red Cross Conference as "the desire of national Societies to provide their respective countries with a body of trained nurses and voluntary aids sufficient to meet the needs of war and to assure the functioning of the various peace-time services." To achieve this, the Conference expressed the wish that Red Cross Societies should confide to their Nursing Divisions, under the direction of their respective Central Committees:

- (a) the enrolment of trained nurses;
- (b) the enrolment and training of voluntary aids.

A report has been prepared as a basis for discussion at the Prague Conference, which met on April 12th, which gives a general survey of the work of each of the participating societies in the nursing sphere.

Progress in Germany, Austria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Czechoslovakia, is set forth most hopefully, and it is quite apparent that without the help of the Red Cross, schools of nursing in these countries would not have advanced so far.

"In Poland, a Nursing Bureau was constituted in 1927 in the Health Service of the Ministry of Social Welfare. The directress is a trained nurse and she is responsible for the inspection of nursing schools, which are accorded Government recognition only when favourably reported on by her. The nurse holding this responsible position attends the State Examinations, which were instituted in 1923; superintends the public health nursing services; maintains an information bureau and helps in the drafting of laws relating to nurses. She works in close collaboration with the National Council of Professional Nurses (affiliated to the International Council of Nurses in 1925) and with the nursing division of the Polish Red Cross."

In Czechoslovakia, at the Red Cross headquarters, the nursing division forms one of the nine sections of the Public Health Bureau. It is directed by a certificated nurse in conjunction with an advisory committee, some or all of whose members meet at least six times a year. The division, in agreement with the National Nurses' Association, is endeavouring to bring about the establishment of professional schools attached to the Universities of Brno and Bratislava, to secure the State registration of nurses and the amendment of ministerial decrees relating to nurses, and to draft, in collaboration with the mobilization section, regulations governing the enrolment of volunteer staff in case of need. . . .

To meet the growing needs of its programme, the Czechoslovak Red Cross has organised special courses for certificated nurses, with a view to forming an efficient corps of public health nurses and training sister tutors for the instruction of voluntary aids.

It is generally realized that nursing has progressed enormously during the last fifteen years, from every point of view. The training of nurses, in particular, has been given much thought and effort in many countries. The Committee on Education of the International Council of Nurses (of which Miss Lloyd Still is Chairman) has drawn up a model curriculum to serve as a guide "for placing nursing service and nursing education on a full professional basis and for producing in our schools not only trained nurses but educated nurses." How far this aim has been achieved in the majority of countries, is still a matter for conjecture, but on one principle, at least, there is general agreement—the principle of "broadening the conception of nursing service to include the nursing care of the whole patient, mind as well as body—the prevention of sickness as well as the bedside care of the sick—and health service to families and communities as well as to individuals."

Mlle. Lefebvre evidently recognises the value of collaboration between the Red Cross and the National and International organisations of Nurses in the inauguration of Nursing Schools in countries where nursing is in its infancy.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green, E.1.—Miss P. Samuels, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she was later Assistant Home Sister, Night Sister and Theatre Sister. Miss Samuels has also been Sister at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Nice.

Llandough Hospital and City Lodge Hospital, Cardiff.—Miss C. L. John, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Central Middlesex County Hospital, London, and at the Borough Isolation Hospital, East Ham, and has been Assistant Matron at the Redhill Hospital, Edgware.

Broughton Institution for Mental Defectives, near Chester.—Miss A. E. Fletcher, S.R.N., R.M.N., F.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax, and has been Assistant Matron at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, Assistant Matron at the City Mental Hospital, Newcastle, and Assistant Matron at the Calderstones Institution, Whalley, Blackburn. Miss Fletcher has also been engaged in Private Nursing.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Erith.—Miss I. E. M. Moscarella, S.R.N. has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, where she has since been Assistant Home Sister, Matron's Housekeeper, and Surgical Ward Sister. Miss Moscarella has also been Staff Nurse at the Western Fever Hospital, London, and Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Dorking.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

North Middlesex County Hospital, Upper Edmonton, N.18.—Miss L. Snowden, S.R.N., D.N., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has been Health Visitor, School Nurse, Tuberculosis Visitor, Inspector of Midwives, Superintendent of Infant Welfare Centres and Ante-natal Clinics under the West Riding County Council of Yorkshire. Miss Snowden has been Evening School Lecturer in Nursing for the West Riding Education Department, Lecturer in Nursing under Cumberland County Council Education Committee, Sister Tutor at the North Middlesex County Hospital, and Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. She is a Certified Midwife, holds the Diploma in Nursing (University of Leeds), the new Health Visitors' Certificate, and the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Health Visitors, School Nurses and Tuberculosis Visitors.

TUTOR SISTER AND HOME SISTER

Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11.—Miss Jean Williamson, S.R.N., has been appointed Tutor Sister and Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Northern Hospital, London, and has been Ward Sister at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Ducane Road, London, W.12, Night Sister and Day Sister at the Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Golden Square, W.1, and Tutor Sister and Home Sister at the South-Eastern Hospital for Children, Sydenham, S.E.26. Miss Williamson is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER-TUTOR.

Oldchurch Hospital, Romford.—Miss E. E. Burge, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road, London, where she was later Ward Sister and Assistant Sister Tutor. Miss Burge is a Certified Midwife.

HEALTH VISITOR.

Borough of Guildford.—Miss N. K. Richards, S.R.N., has been appointed Health Visitor, School Nurse and Inspector of Midwives. She was trained at the New End Hospital, Hampstead, and has been Health Visitor and School Nurse under the Borough of Batley, Yorks.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Charles Francis Greathead, of Clive House, Riccall, Yorks, left £500 to Nurse Alice Maud Bell, if still in his service.

Mr. Percy Burnell Tubbs, F.R.I.B.A., of Sloane Square, S.W., left £100 to his former nurse, Miss ary Whitehead.

Captain Ferdinand P. J. Hanbury, of Nantver, Abergavenny, left £300, £3,200 5 per cent. War Loan (or £3,200 in lieu) and certain furniture to Nurse Caroline Ellen Dyer.

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