

presided, a report was submitted with regard to the midwifery cases undertaken during the year 1932 by the "Queen's" and village nurse-midwives connected with the Institute. That showed that 67,496 midwifery cases had been attended, which was an increase of 926 on the number for 1931. The maternal death-rate was 2.1 per 1,000, which was a slight increase on the rate for 1931.

The War Office announces that Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, has consented to be the president of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Ambulance Car Corps).

Major-General Evan Gibb, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Corps.

Founded in 1909 as a voluntary organization for ladies, the corps was originally a mounted unit, with its members qualified to render first aid. It was later converted into a mechanical transport corps, and is officially recognized by the War Office as a voluntary reserve unit. It undertakes to carry out motor ambulance or other motor transport duties at home or overseas in any national emergency.

There are sections in London, Aldershot, Derby, Glasgow, Northumberland, and Yorkshire, and one overseas in Kenya, commanded by Lady Sidney Farrar. A three-weeks camp is held annually at Cowshot, when voluntary instruction is given by all branches of the Service in the Aldershot Command.

The Presentation of Certificates to the Students completing the International Courses, organised by the League of Red Cross Societies, will be held at Bedford College for Women on June 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., when Dr. Alice G. Masarykova, President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross Society, will present the Certificates. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., will be in the Chair, and addresses will be given by Sir George Buchanan, C.B., M.D., Senior Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, and Miss G. E. M. Jebb, M.A., Cantab., Principal of Bedford College, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, International Council of Nurses. Votes of thanks will be proposed by students, Miss Weimanowna, Poland, and Miss Theys, Belgium.

The Session of 1933-1934 will be the last for which the League of Red Cross Societies will be entirely responsible—as for the coming Session, seven Scholarships have been financed by the Nurses of Great Britain, largely through the National Council of Nurses—and the nurses of other nations have also come forward to help to maintain the International Courses—the League of Red Cross Societies making it possible to carry on for the interim year 1933-1934 until the Scheme for a Florence Nightingale International Foundation is agreed.

The following students will receive their Certificates on June 23rd.

Students who have completed the Public Health Course :—

Marie Bettendorff, Luxembourg; Swatt Dhar-masaraja, Siam; Veronika Monkute-Monkeviciute, Lithuania; Sarah Isabella Johanna Nel, South Africa; Vinka Soljan, Yugoslavia; Cécile Theys, Belgium; Marie Sylvie Agnes Weiss, Great Britain;

V. Caroline Wickham, Great Britain; Frantiska Zidová, Czechoslovakia.

Students who have completed the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers :—

Alice Eden, Great Britain; Lára Jónsson, Iceland; Solveig Lier, Norway; Irena Weimanówna, Poland.

After the Afternoon Reception the Old Internationals Association (League of Red Cross Societies) will hold their Annual Dinner at Bedford College for Women, at 7.45. This is always a most enthusiastic and enjoyable function although it means "Good-bye" for the time being between pupils and teachers.

We recently paid a visit to a Nurse who is one of the fortunate residents at the Howard Homes at Brighton. Each resident has her own *maisonette*, comprising a charming sitting-room, a bedroom, most conveniently fitted kitchen, bathroom and cabinet. Nothing could be more charming and restful, as these houses are built in the cottage style, on three sides of a fine open space away from the road, and the quiet and restfulness in these days of traffic pandemonium is a priceless asset. Each resident has an income provided of £1 a week. The provision of such a self-contained residence, after a life-long strain of nursing, appears just the very best endowment for the happiness and content of an elderly nurse, that people of wealth can provide. It is to be hoped the Howard Homes may be visited by grateful patients. Of course, it is few who have the wealth to build and endow twenty-five of these charming places, as the late Sir John Howard has done, but why not a co-operative scheme? There is always a long list of applicants waiting for vacancies at Brighton, and the pity is many must wait in vain.

Probate of the will, dated July 23rd, 1930, of the late Annie Viscountess Cowdray, has now been granted, the unsettled estate being sworn at £703,289. In addition, affidavits have been filed relating to settled property amounting to £704,983.

It will be remembered that under the will of her husband, the late Viscount Cowdray, who died in 1927, Annie Lady Cowdray received, in addition to her own estate, an annual sum of £100,000 for life.

There are no bequests to charities. One of Lady Cowdray's last acts was to approve the scheme for the extensions to the College of Nursing in Cavendish Square, adjoining the Cowdray Club for Nurses and Professional Women.

Friday, May 19th, was the last day this Session for the consideration of Private Members' Bills, so let us hope we have heard the last of the Batey Bill to degrade the Nurses' Register by placing upon it thousands of persons who refuse to submit themselves to an examination test.

It is reported from Paris that the Countess de Belleville, who worked throughout the war as a nurse, and was with Nurse Cavell in Belgium, has been decorated with the Combatants' Cross of Paris ex-servicemen. The cross has rarely been awarded to a woman.

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