

looks to meet the expenses of repairs and renewals, and recently £78 have been spent on these. There are still, however, desirable "left overs" from the Sale — just the thing for Christmas Gifts, useful, inexpensive and original, so if members of the Club and others rally round it the adverse balance may be substantially reduced, or even wiped out.

The Rev. A. Lombardini, for many years chaplain at the Kensington Infirmary, and now Rector of St. Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, Gresham Street, E.C.2, writes to us:—

"Twenty-three years' experience of Hospital work as a Chaplain has revealed to me that there are many Nurses who come to London to 'train' and they are at a loss to know what to do with themselves on Sunday evenings. Many of them come from Scotch and Welsh homes, and they have been regularly accustomed to attend their Kirk or their Chapel. In London on a Sunday evening they seek for somewhere where they can find a welcome and meet their friends.

"In this Church, to which I have recently been appointed, there is a room which I want to have furnished and equipped as a rest room, and it is my desire that Nurses from all the London Hospitals shall not only find a welcome in the Church, but also shall be able to meet together socially after the Service.

"A Matron who has recently retired from a well-known London Hospital has kindly promised to act as hostess."

We are glad to draw the attention of nurses to this project. Mr. Lombardini's sympathy with nurses and their work is well known.

We are pleased to hear that Miss B. G. Alexander, of South Africa, is now safely at home at East London, after a strenuous time in Europe, where as Second Vice-President of the I.C.N. she missed no meeting or function the attendance at which the interests of nurses, especially in South Africa, were concerned. We are hoping now that she is relieved from exacting literary duties in connection with the Nurses' National Journal, she will be in London in good time to give a helping hand with the Meeting of the I.C.N. in 1937.

In forwarding her subscription for the B.C.N., Miss L. M. Hawkins writes from Canada: "I enjoy the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING very much and pass it on to a nurse friend in Calgary.

"Nurses here in Western Canada are having a very difficult time; there is very little work for new graduates."

This reminds us that the General Nursing Council registered 2,332 nurses after its recent examination. As these exams. take place three times annually, one wonders how 7,000 new nurses are to find employment on a sound economic basis. In U.S.A. the intake of probationers by the Training Schools has become a question of vital importance, and in many the number has been reduced.

The Minister of Transport would be serving a very useful purpose if he would have the following notice placed inside buses where it would catch the eye: "When coughing and sneezing please use a handkerchief." It is amazing to note how few members of the public take this necessary precaution.

DISTINGUISHED AND GALLANT CONDUCT.

The following honours have been conferred by the King in recognition of "gallant and distinguished conduct" during the Quetta earthquake, and the relief work afterwards, upon members of the Nursing Profession in India:—

M.B.E. (CIVIL DIVISION).

Mrs. Daisy Elizabeth Munro, Lady Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Karachi, Bombay.

KAISAR-I-HIND MEDAL OF THE FIRST CLASS.

Mrs. Constance Ellice May Berridge, M.B., Ch.B., Lady Divisional Superintendent, Moghalpura Nursing Division, N.W. Railway Corps; Sister Katherine Ann Duncan, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Mayo Hospital, Lahore, Punjab.

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Sister Miss Mary Constance Vera Florence Hind, C.M.B., Q.A.I.M.N.S., Sister-in-Charge, Military Families' Hospital, Quetta; Miss Georgina Lincoln, I.M.N.S., Staff Nurse, Indian Military Hospital, Quetta; Sister Miss Netta McCutcheon, Q.A.I.M.N.S., British Military Hospital, Quetta; Sister Miss Marjorie Helen Rawlings, Q.A.I.M.N.S., British Military Hospital, Quetta.

KAISAR-I-HIND MEDAL OF THE SECOND CLASS.

Miss Mary McLean Smith, Matron, Indian Military Hospital, Quetta.

KAISAR-I-HIND BRONZE MEDAL.

Mrs. Gertrude Bara Foddy, Staff Nurse, Civil Hospital, Quetta; Miss Elizabeth O'Rafferty, Private Medical Nurse, Baluchistan.

Official Tributes to deeds of heroism were awarded to many men and women of all classes. A splendid record of which India may well be proud.

QUEEN'S NURSES' GOLD BADGE.

The Gold Badge of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing has been, with the Queen's approval, presented to Miss M. Wilmshurst, the General Superintendent, for the valuable service she had rendered in connection with the Survey of District Nursing in England and Wales. The presentation was made by the Earl of Athlone, who presided at a Meeting of the Council.

The cost of the Survey, obtainable from the Queen's Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, is 2s. 6d.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

We often note bright ideas put forth by *The Canadian Nurse*, and the suggestion that an annual subscription as a Christmas gift, from one nurse to another, evidently inspired the letter in our Correspondence Columns from "An Admirer of Creative Journalism," who has generously sent a guinea so that three lovers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING may be sure of receiving it for 1936. There are subscribers on our list who "grieve to have to give up my B.J.N. . . . it is the last straw in self-sacrifice."

The Manager of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, would be pleased to receive gifts to be used for the purpose of sending it to such nurses, so keeping them in touch with old friends, and the professional interest they have had at heart for so long.

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