

in that Mr. Fant, after arranging for certain specific bequests and leaving the bulk of his considerable estate to his widow, has provided that on her death it shall all go to the Frontier Nursing Service as a memorial to their only son, Nelson Fant, Jr. Generations yet to come of women and of little children, and of the sick and helpless, will be reverently and tenderly cared for from the income of this fund, in the name of a young man cut down before his prime."

The extent of the work of this Service is dependent only on its financial position, and we rejoice not only on the prospect of the opportunity for its extension in the future but that the anxieties of the Trustees, and especially of its volunteer Director and Field Work, Mrs. Mary Breckinridge have this encouragement.

Of members of the nursing staff we read: "We have said good-bye with abiding regret to Miss Bessie Waller, who has been with the Frontier Nursing Service first as junior nurse and then as senior (the American equivalent of the British sister) for over four years. No abler nurse or finer woman ever served in this or any other Service. Miss Waller has returned to England, where she will engage only occasionally in the practice of her profession, and before long will retire from all nursing into the leisure so justly earned by her long and useful career.

"Miss Mary Harry, whose gallant career includes shrapnel wounds in the line of duty during the war, and years with the Frontier Nursing Service, in which she has had a fractured skull, a copperhead snake bite, and two operations as a result of the old war wounds, has returned to us after a year's furlough. She is in charge of normal midwifery cases at the Hyden Hospital."

THE NATION'S MEDICAL OFFICER RETIRES.

It was recently announced that Sir George Newman, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Chief Medical Officer of both the Ministry of Health and of the Board of Education, is to retire on March 31st, having reached the age limit.

The retirement of Sir George Newman is a serious loss to standards of National Health, especially where the children are concerned. For them his work for 40 years has had the most far reaching effect, his published work on "Infant Mortality," assisted greatly in the inauguration of the public movement for its prevention.

The Annual Reports published by Sir George Newman, concerning the departments of which he was Chief Medical Officer, were models of accuracy, and extraordinarily fascinating, eagerly studied, not only at home but abroad. We well remember the praise lavished on them by that most intellectual of hygienists, Miss Adelaide Nutting R.N., M.A.

There is just a grain of solace: We Nurses realise that Sir George Newman understands the psychology of our profession intimately. He has also devoted time to studying the genius of Florence Nightingale and realises her amazing personality and attainments. We may hope he will find time to pass on the results of his sympathetic research.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

A useful means of arousing interest in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation is through the issue from Headquarters of the *News Bulletin*, of which the second leaflet is now to hand.

The Foundation has no endowment except the money to be raised by the present Appeal—so that it is necessary for us all to do what is possible to obtain the £40,000, which will yield an annual income of £1,500 for overhead charges, in addition to the income for twenty scholarships. The Memorial Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association has already sent £142 18s. 8d. to the Endowment Fund and is financing a Scholarship.

It is rumoured that representatives of the American Nurses' Association and of the American Red Cross are consulting together with a view to the possibility of forming a National Florence Nightingale Committee. This is good news, as "we shan't be happy till we get them."

Applications for the Session 1935-36 should be received by the Secretary in London by the beginning of May. The meetings to be held during that month will be for the purpose of accepting candidates, who will receive immediate notification, by cable if necessary. Nominations are made through the National Memorial Committees in each country if possible.

Florence Nightingale International House.

The house has been full for the whole period under review, and is evidently becoming a centre of great interest to visitors. We may hope those who have been shown over the beautiful house since October will carry to far countries a report of the value of this International centre and this good work it is doing. They have come from China, United States of America, Siam, Austria, Australia, India, Holland, Canada, South Africa, Turkey, and Irish Free State.

The Committee of Management.

A proposal from the Education Committee that four experts be appointed to study facilities in London for advanced nursing education, both professional and academic, was approved on January 21st, and referred back to the Education Committee for further consideration, the Ways and Means Committee to be asked to make suggestions as to how such a study could be financed.

It was decided that, with the co-operation of the Rockefeller Foundation, Ex-Dean Annie W. Goodrich (of the School of Nursing, Yale University, and Vice-President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation), be invited to visit London in July, in order to give the Address to the Students at the ceremony of the Presentation of Certificates at Bedford College, on July 4th.

Meeting of the Grand Council.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Grand Council will be held in London on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1935, and (if necessary), on the following day.

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