

**GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.**

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held at the offices of the Council, 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, November 20th, 1936. Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair.

The name of Messrs. Smith & Harvey, Ltd., civil, military clerical and ladies' tailors, 25-29, Butter Market, Ipswich, was added to the Council's List of Approved Makers of Uniform.

**Education and Examination Committee.**

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., LL.D. (Convener of the Committee), and was approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee, the Examiners were appointed from the Panel to conduct the Examinations in February, 1937. Supervisors were also appointed for the Written and Oral Parts of the February, 1937, Examinations.

The name of Dr. J. D. Olav Kerr, Glasgow, was added to the Council's Panel of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in the subjects of Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene.

The names of the Nurses who passed the Examinations in October, 1936, and had attained the age of 21, were ordered to be placed on the Register.

**Finance Committee.**

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved, and the accounts in connection with the Examiners and Supervisors' fees and expenses for the October Examinations were passed for payment.

**Next Meeting of the Council.**

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, December 18th.

**THE PASSING BELL.****Miss Constance Winifred Jones, R.R.C.**

We regret to record the death of Miss Constance Winifred Jones, R.R.C. (late Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S., in the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Latchmere), on November 24th, 1936, after a long illness.

Trained at St. Saviour's Infirmary, East Dulwich, Miss Jones was appointed Staff Nurse in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1905, and promoted to the rank of Sister in 1911, retiring from the service owing to ill-health in 1920.

She served at home and in South Africa and with the British Expeditionary Force in France from 1914 to 1919. Miss Jones was mentioned in despatches in 1917, and for her valuable services was awarded the decoration of the Royal Red Cross.

**A DEFINITION OF HOME.**

Here is Madame Schumann-Heink's definition of home :

A roof to keep out rain, four walls to keep out wind, floors to keep out cold. Yes, but home is more than that. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father. Warmth of loving hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is first school and first church for young ones. Where they learn what is right, what is good and what is kind. Where they go for comfort when they are hurt or sick. Where joy is shared and sorrow eased. Where fathers and mothers are respected and loved. Where children are wanted. Where the simplest food is good enough for kings because it is earned. Where money is not so important as loving kindness. Where even the tea-kettle sings from happiness. That is home—God bless it!

**THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.**

H.R.H. the Duke of York presided at the Statutory Meeting of the Council of the British Red Cross Society on November 18th. There was a representative attendance.

Reviewing the action taken in respect of *Air-raid Precautions*, Sir Harold Fawcus (Director-General) said that in accordance with the Society's agreement with the Home Office to enrol and train personnel for anti-gas services and air-raid precautions, 48 voluntary aid detachment officers had qualified at the Civilian Anti-gas School as first-class instructors recognised by the Home Office. The Society had now issued a total of over 17,500 certificates for first-aid in chemical warfare to its successful examination candidates, and a further 720 proficiency badges and bars.

The Society had recently decided to inaugurate an Air-raid Precautions Reserve of men and women holding Red Cross Anti-gas certificates, and it was hoped that a large number of men and women would enrol in order to be able to carry out the less technical duties connected with casualty services.

Sir Arthur Stanley (chairman, Executive Committee) reported on *Red Cross Action in Spain*. The International Red Cross Committee sent a delegate to visit both sides in the civil war, and subsequently appealed to all national Red Cross societies to send assistance in personnel, material and money. The British Red Cross immediately sent a donation of £500 to the International Committee, which established a number of centres in Spain staffed with their own personnel, for the relief of soldiers and civilians of both sides in the conflict. An appeal was made in this country for additional funds, as a result of which a further £500 had been sent to the International Committee as well as a supply of bandages. The total reached by the Relief Fund now stood at £1,132 11s. 10d.

In the absence of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, Dame Beryl Oliver made a statement on the *Society's Detachments*, which now number 1,072, an increase of 33 detachments in six months. The personnel numbers 26,103, being an increase of 621. During the summer the detachments had staffed a number of camp hospitals in connection with the Territorial Army camps. Nursing and first-aid staff had been provided for 34 Girl Guide camps and for the Northern Boy Scouts' Jamboree. 15,000 cases had received attention at Red Cross dispensaries in the Kent and Sussex hopfields.

**CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR PENSIONER PATIENTS.**

The Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society have arranged, through the Ministry of Pensions, as in previous years, to provide additional comforts, such as cigarettes, tobacco, etc., for the men actually in Ministry Hospitals on Christmas Day. There are, however, ex-Service pensioners, who will be patients in other hospitals as a result of their War disabilities, and the Joint Council of the two bodies is endeavouring to get in touch with these hospitals, so that no eligible cases in hospital on Christmas Day may fail to receive the same gifts as those in Pensions Hospitals.

**RED CROSS DAY AND THE CORONATION.**

For several years past May 12th, Florence Nightingale's Birthday, has been observed as Red Cross Day throughout the Empire and collections have been made on that day for various services of the British Red Cross Society.

As May 12th, 1937, is the date selected for the Coronation it has been decided to hold the Flag Day on 8th June, in view of the opinion expressed by the police and others concerned, that great difficulties would attend a street collection on the day of the Coronation.

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