

lead to complete recovery. The Duchess of York has for years taken a most active part in public service, and will be warmly welcomed when she returns to duty.

Many friends in England will learn with sincere regret that Mlle. Chaptal has been far from strong of late, and that after a devastating attack of influenza she has been ordered south on medical advice and is now at Monte Carlo, where she is to remain until March. May the lovely surroundings, sunshine and flowers speedily restore her energy, expended these many years so abundantly for the welfare of others.

The Ministry of Transport has issued its report for 1935 of people killed and injured on the roads of Great Britain. It is a ghastly list. Killed, 6,521; Injured, 218,798; a slight decrease on last year's record. It is amazing how coolly the public receives the record of this holocaust of death and disastrous injury. What it means of heartbreak and misery few appear to realise, and the majority certainly do not care—in comparison with a joyride. Until this selfish attitude of mind is abandoned, let us hope by an awakened public conscience, it is to be feared the loss of life and injury to health will continue. Let members of our profession do all in their power to arouse a sense of duty to humanity in this connection.

Eminent persons in Cambridge have addressed the following letter to *The Times* :—

"Sir,—On behalf of the many friends of Papworth, in Cambridge, we should like, by your courtesy, to express our appreciation of the support given in your columns on December 15th by the Archbishop of Canterbury and others to the scheme for a home at Papworth for nurses suffering from tuberculosis.

Such cases occur from time to time not only in special hospitals and sanatoria, but also in general hospitals and the matron of Papworth, Miss Borne, frequently has applications for employment from tuberculous nurses, some of whom have received sanatorium treatment but cannot afterwards obtain suitable occupation.

These nurses require adequate and prolonged after-care in an environment of security for mind and body if they are to be enabled to maintain the standard of fitness to which they have attained, as has been ably demonstrated for other workers at Papworth over a period of 18 years.

The committee of management are anxious to meet this special need, but can only do so by providing a special home where nurses can continue under sanatorium conditions, with medical supervision, while doing part-time work in their own profession or finding occupation in the light industries of the settlement.

The cost will be approximately £20,000, and the building will be commenced as soon as the money can be found. If the scheme is carried out, it will not only solve the economic problems of a class who are greatly deserving of sympathy, but will also protect members of the community from being exposed to the insidious infection of tuberculosis when they are least able to resist it."

We have confidence in commending this cause to the generosity of the public.

This is a scheme that should appeal to understanding

members of the public. Not only should their sympathy go out to nurses suffering and unfit for hard work but it should remove the temptation to such nurses to undertake duties such as the care of children when their attendance may be actually dangerous to those they tend.

We hope the appeal will be generously supported—Papworth is now a great national institution of which we are justly proud.

Lord Nuffield's latest benefaction is the noble gift of £125,000 for the efficient treatment of every child threatened with becoming a cripple. Two national secretaries working under the Central Council for the Cure of Cripples will investigate various areas where the discovery, cure and care of cripples is not at present undertaken or is inadequate, and will make recommendations for grants from the Central Fund bearing Lord Nuffield's name. A scholarship in orthopaedic surgery, tenable for two years at the Wingfield Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, to which Lord Nuffield gave £70,000 two years ago will be established for young surgeons, and, most interesting to nurses, an annual scholarship will be awarded to the nurse at the hospital who has proved herself the best-fitted nurse of her year for the work of after-care sister to enable her to complete her training.

How this would have rejoiced the heart of that great orthopaedic surgeon, friend of little children, the late Sir Robert Jones of Liverpool. It is difficult to estimate how much physical well-being and happiness, and relief from suffering, this gift will bring to them.

The *Queen's Nurses Magazine* for December, in the sections devoted to Ireland publishes the following interesting items :—

"Much has been done in every district to celebrate the Jubilee of His Majesty's reign, and various have been the forms that the celebrations have taken, but in the Irish Free State the subscriptions were so extremely generous that after purchasing a beautiful gift of three antique Irish silver potato or dish rings, the surplus, amounting to £2,692 17s. 6d. was, by the express wish of His Majesty, devoted to District Nursing, one-half going to the Lady Dudley Scheme, which maintains forty-three Queen's Nurses in poor parts of the West of Ireland, and the other half was given to the Irish Free State Executive Committee. At a recent meeting the Executive Committee voted that the entire gift should be paid into the Nurses' Pension Fund account, and the Lady Dudley Scheme Committee voted £500 of their gift to the Nurses' Pension Fund. These truly generous acts show that the Committees recognize and value the services rendered by the Nurses in Ireland."

Mrs. Georgiana Lynn (*née* Turner), a Sister Laurence of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the eighties of the last century, left net personalty, £72,312. It is not often that a nurse leaves a fortune without conferring any benefit upon her profession. We commend to nurses, who through marriage enjoy wealth and all the comfort it commands, the benevolent funds in connection with various nurses' organisations, which help so many cases of real poverty in our ranks.

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