

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE.

The War Office announces that the following have recently been appointed members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve:—

Misses G. E. Thompson, St. Charles Hospital, W.10; C. D. Manfield and E. M. Hardwick, St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Kensington, W.8; D. Garland, E. M. Hampson, E. Alty, J. Carson, E. W. Kenneth, P. Garland, S. M. Turner, L. Carson, M. M. C. S. Church, A. M. Ayrton and A. M. Ayre, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1; F. G. Middleton, Wakefield Union Infirmary; W. Banham, Bristol General Hospital; A. M. Evans, Lambeth Hospital, S.E.11; A. B. P. Smele and J. M. Campbell, Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, E.15; M. E. Hooper, London Homoeopathic Hospital; E. M. Dainton, Bristol Homoeopathic Hospital; D. D. Stevens, King's College Hospital, S.E.5; E. R. Bennett, General Infirmary, Rochdale, Lancs.; B. Davies, Government Hospital, Addington, Durban, South Africa; J. M. Brosnan, Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, N.W.8; M. McLennan, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary; A. S. Dunnett, Chelsea Hospital for Women, S.W.3; M. J. P. Doherty, St. Mary Infirmary, Islington, Highgate, N.; E. F. Dickson, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1; D. Hext, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1, and K. Cooke, Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey.

### THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

Very widespread regret is expressed at the decision of Miss M. Drakard to resign the position of Hon. Secretary of the League of Fever Nurses, announced at the Annual Meeting recently, both because her charming personality and keen professional sense have made her a most acceptable Hon. Secretary and because the reason for her resignation is that she feels her health will not permit her to carry on longer. We sincerely hope that Miss Drakard may soon report an improvement in this respect.

We feel sure that Miss J. T. Ruddy, whose appointment as Miss Drakard's successor we reported last month, will prove a very able officer, and offer her our good wishes in the new work she is now undertaking.

### NURSING TO BENEFIT.

Lord Nuffield has added to his many benefactions a gift of £146,581 to the Birmingham Hospitals' Central Appeal Fund, to defray the entire cost of the Nurses' Home and College of Nursing at the new hospitals' centre.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, president, Sir Charles Grant Robertson, chairman, and Mr. Harry Vincent, hon. treasurer of the fund, announce the gift "with most grateful thanks."

This is Lord Nuffield's second contribution to the Appeal Fund, to which he gave £52,000 in 1932. The amount required for the first portion of the Hospitals' Centre scheme is £1,000,000.

Of this £800,000 has already been subscribed by the public, leaving £200,000 to be obtained by the Lord Mayor's appeal. Lord Nuffield's gift will be allocated to this appeal, which means that approximately £54,000 remains to be raised.

This gift by Lord Nuffield brings the total of his major benefactions to well over £8,000,000. This figure does not include his numerous charitable gifts of less than £10,000 each.

### THE CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST.

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, always an extremely interesting publication, is now published.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICES.

The new offices of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at 23, Portland Place, W., were officially opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal on June 24th, a day long to be remembered by the Registered Nurses throughout the country. Less than twenty years ago their education was undefined and unorganised. Now, under the Nurses' Registration Act, a State Register of Nurses has been established by their Governing Body on which Registered Nurses have a two-thirds majority, a definite standard of nursing education has been established with one portal to the General Part of the Register, and on June 24th Registered Nurses entered into possession, as their headquarters, of a mansion in the centre of London, built to meet their requirements, of a dignity and charm which must impress all who visit it.

Registered Nurses have every reason to be proud of their new headquarters, signifying the importance of a great Profession.

Her Royal Highness was met at the main entrance by His Worship the Mayor of Marylebone, and the Chairman of the Council, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., and was presented in the Entrance Hall with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Council by the Registrar.

After presentations had been made, the Princess was conducted to the Council Room by the Chairman of the Council, who then formally welcomed Her Royal Highness in the following speech:—

### THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Your Royal Highness, I have the honour on behalf of the Council to extend to Your Royal Highness a dutiful and cordial welcome to our new offices which you have graciously consented to open this afternoon. Your Royal Highness has already on a previous occasion honoured us in a similar way, and we little thought at the time you opened the last offices that circumstances would render it necessary for us to move to new and, we hope, permanent quarters after so short a period.

The rapid development of our work obliged us in 1933 to extend the offices by the purchase of the adjoining house, No. 22, Portland Place. For the same reason the British Broadcasting Corporation now desire to extend Broadcasting House, and we have relinquished our former site and buildings to them in exchange for this present site and the new building. The favourable position in which the Council now finds itself is due in part to the foresight of the former Council, and especially its Finance Committee, who recognised the probable increase in the value of the site Nos. 20 and 22, Portland Place.

It is a great regret to many people that the beautiful work of the Adam brothers should be so rapidly disappearing, not only from London but from the country, and though modern requirements in the matter of building did not permit of the same type of house being erected, by kind agreement with the Howard de Walden Estate and the British Broadcasting Corporation the Council was enabled to retain some pieces of interest from the old houses and to incorporate them in the new building, thus retaining some memory of the Adam brothers in the street which they designed. These pieces include some of the most beautiful mantelpieces, the mahogany doors on this floor and the ceiling paintings, believed to be by Cipriani. I should not, however, wish your Royal Highness to think that our main consideration was the beauty of the building and of the Committee rooms. The first consideration of the Council has been to provide offices which would be

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