

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of a long list (122) of Queen's Nurses for Service in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, to date from January 1st, 1937.

We are looking forward to the time when these highly trained Queen's Nurses are available throughout the rural districts. It is an economic question which money can make possible, and the State must sooner or later step in and do its duty.

Sister Lucy, Sister-in-Charge of the Diabetic Clinic at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, has had a bright idea, the result of which was a party given recently at the hospital for diabetic children.

The idea of giving such a party occurred to Sister Lucy when she happened to hear the end of a conversation between two of her young patients at Christmas. "No," declared one of them, "we can't go to parties; it's the grub that is the trouble." "Nonsense," interrupted Sister Lucy, "of course you can go to parties."

The diet of these children has to be carefully calculated and regulated and excludes most of the things in which a healthy child rejoices.

The children were first given a cinema entertainment in one of the lecture theatres, after which they had their party in a large room gay with paper chains, balloons, coloured lights, bright table-cloths, and a profusion of "crackers."

After tea, "Father Christmas," as played by Dr. R. D. Lawrence, who is in charge of the Diabetic Clinic, arrived in a wheeled chair drawn by the "donkey," and presented each child with a Christmas present. He explained that he had just been falling asleep until next Christmas when he remembered that the diabetic children had not had a party, so he had come along specially for it.

When it became known among the adult diabetic patients that a children's Christmas party was to be given, gifts of money and suitable articles arrived in such numbers that the whole of the expenses were covered. It is intended to make the party an annual affair.

Congratulations to Sister Lucy.

The terrible civil war is still raging in Spain. In a letter sent to the Press inviting subscriptions it is stated: Casualties have been heavy and will become heavier on these confused Andalusian fronts, isolated from the rest of Spain by a hundred miles of mountain roads. In these remote ranges wounded are now often being abandoned to exposure, gangrene, or the more merciful bayonet. Field ambulances, trained nurses, doctors and medical supplies are urgently needed, and the London committees concerned have heavy commitments in central Spain.

A "University Unit" of ambulances, nurses, cars, and drivers has been organised, and will go out through France very shortly under Sir George Young, lately returned from Spain, whose house at Torremolinos will

be used as a hospital. Further funds are required to provide medical supplies for the unit and for the Spanish hospitals.

The unit will serve both sides. It will be based to begin with in Malaga (Government), where the need now is greater than at Cordova or Granada (Insurgent).

Whenever the great rivers Ohio or Mississippi are in flood we visualise Clara D. Noyes, in her office in the American Red Cross Office at Washington, helping to mitigate the horrors and suffering their turmoil inflicts upon the people. Alas! She is no longer there, but others we feel sure carry on the wonderful tradition of American Red Cross Nursing.

During the recent suffering of the people living in the valleys of these monster rivers nothing could have been more wonderful than their courage and endurance.

The President's Flood Relief Committee has returned to Washington after a tour in the flooded areas. The Relief Administrator reports that about 1,000,000 flood victims were being housed, fed, and protected from disease by the co-operative efforts of the Red Cross, the Works Progress Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the public health services, the Army and other agencies.

An aftermath of suffering there must be, but the whole American people are out to help mitigate it and in their splendid unity have the admiration of the world.

NOTICE.

SEATS FOR REGISTERED NURSES FOR THE CORONATION PROCESSION.

The Minister of Health having secured for Registered Nurses a limited number of seats on the route of the Procession, has appointed a small Committee to deal with their allocation. These seats will be allocated to the various Branches of Nursing (exclusive of the Government Services otherwise provided for), and distributed in proportion to numerical strength on the Registers of England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. They will be allotted by ballot. All expenses (including the price of the seats, approximately £2), will be the responsibility of the seatholder. In- or out-door uniform will be worn.

The following procedure must be observed:—

1. Applications must be received on or before Saturday, March 20th, addressed to Miss Musson, c/o The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

2. Envelopes to be marked "Seats" on the top left-hand corner.

3. Applicants must state (i) Full name and address (block letters). (ii) Place of Registration, Registration number, and part of Register. (iii) Branch of work (*i.e.*, Hospital, Public Health, District, Private, etc).

4. No money is to be forwarded with the application.

Failure to comply with these directions will disqualify. No correspondence can be entered into, and the decision of the Committee will be final.

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