

Sir Kingsley Wood: The answer is that action will rest with the authorities concerned.

The *Journal of the Western Australian Nurses* reports that broadcast talks on the Florence Nightingale International Foundation are being arranged and both country and town members are asked to listen in to these broadcasts.

It has been suggested that country members who have wireless sets could invite their friends to hear these addresses and so help people to know about the Memorial which is being established throughout the world to perpetuate the memory of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, O.M.

The committee announce that the proceeds of the "White Angel" Ball amounted to £83 0s. 9d. after the expenses had been met.

Kay Francis in the "White Angel" is being shown in London, but unfortunately only for short spells at a time, and with no financial aid to the Foundation as it had been hoped.

A nurse writing from Montevideo says: "The nursing out here is practically nil in the hospitals and sanatoria. The relations do most of it, except here where we train nurses of English nationality for three years; afterwards they stay on for a while or else get married. There are not any private nurses here as there is practically no call for them; if wanted by English people they come out from Buenos Aires. If possible I shall try to attend the I.C.N. Congress. I keep notes from the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of the Programme, which Journal I look forward to eagerly each month. . . . We are all most grateful to you and others for the work you are doing to make the Congress a success."

Marylebone Borough Council are organising a campaign against noise from car-door slamming. Dr. Charles Porter, Medical Officer of Health to the Council, is issuing the appeal.

In Marylebone a number of nursing homes have put up notices outside appealing to drivers to shut their doors quietly.

At night, in particular, the sharp unexpected report of a car-door shutting is very disturbing. Taxi-cab drivers are the worst offenders.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

A long list of appointments to the Territorial Nursing Service has been issued from the War Office.

The Territorial Army Nursing Service consists of ladies trained in the nursing profession, who undertake to serve in Military General Hospitals, Casualty Clearing Stations, and other medical units, when the Territorial Army is embodied; the members carry on with their civil duties in peace time.

All appointments are made to the General Hospitals, and the actual unit with which each member is to serve will be notified to her by the Principal Matron of the Hospital when the emergency occurs.

This invaluable organisation saved the nursing situation on the declaration of war in 1914. Within a few days fully equipped thoroughly trained nurses attached to the Territorial Army Nursing Service were called up and on active duty.

A NIGHTINGALE BRICK IN AUSTRALIA.

The following kind and appreciative letter received from Mr. R. E. Fanning, Manager of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia, acknowledging the gift from the British College of Nurses, London, of a "Nightingale Brick" to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, by request of Miss Bell, proves how valuable are these mementoes as a link between the nurses of the world. We learn with the sincerest pleasure that the Brick will, in the near future, be incorporated near the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Home at the splendid Royal Melbourne Hospital:—

Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Melbourne.

November 25th, 1936.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, F.B.C.N.,

President, The British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

Miss Bell sent me your letter to her, dated July 9th last, in which you promised to bring her request that a "Nightingale Brick" be made available for the Royal Melbourne Hospital Nurses' Home before a meeting of your Council. Miss Bell wrote herself, explaining the history of the brick and stressing the value of such a link with the founder of modern nursing methods.

I have had several other communications from Miss Bell, and yesterday, through the agency of Miss Samsing, I actually received the "Nightingale Brick," together with the accompanying card from the British College of Nurses, London.

There was a meeting of the Committee of Management yesterday, November 24th, 1936, and the members, who were already aware that the brick was on its way, were informed officially that it had been received.

It was resolved that the architects who were planning the new Royal Melbourne Hospital be instructed to arrange to incorporate this brick in or near the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Home, and no doubt the wording on your card will be the basis of the inscription to be placed on the brick.

My Committee instructed me to convey to you and your Council their sincere thanks for making this brick available. They wish me to assure you that they realise the importance of such a connection between our Nurses' Home and the British College of Nurses, while they feel that this symbol of the services for which nursing stands must be a great incentive to our young nurses.

May I add unofficially that it seems to me that this gesture from the home of all British nursing, to a comparatively young training school, must strengthen not only the bonds between members of a very honoured profession, but also the bonds of our Empire.

Needless to say, I am writing to Miss Bell and thanking her for the great part she has played in this happy occurrence and to Miss Samsing for bringing the brick to us; but it is to you primarily and to your Council that thanks are due, and I know my Committee, our Lady Superintendent and all the members of our nursing staff are unanimous in according their enthusiastic appreciation of the service you have rendered us.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. FANNING,
Manager.

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