

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury delivered an inspiring Address, paying tribute to the great work for the Hospital of the late Viscount Hambleton; the great revolution wrought by Lister in connection with antiseptic surgery, who worked in the Hospital; the revolution in the nursing service by Florence Nightingale, a woman of great and varied qualities, who with gentleness tended the sufferers in the Crimea, and earned from rough soldiers the title of "The Lady of the Lamp." King's College had connection with her in that members from St. John's House went to work under her direction in the Crimea.

His Grace hoped that the vocation of Nursing might long continue to attract girls to this noble profession, and referred to the Appeal by Her Majesty Queen Mary to the young girls of the country, earlier this year.

After the singing of *Te Deum Laudamus*, the Archbishop pronounced the Blessing, and the huge congregation once more filed out of the City of London's Cathedral to take up the threads of their daily tasks.

We are glad to note that a long list of Registered Nurses have joined the Territorial Army Nursing Service, a skilled Service, which we strongly advocated when advanced by the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, when under consideration by the War Office, so ably administered by the late Lord Haldane.

The Matron-in-Chief of the T.A.N.S. notifies that there are still vacancies in the Service, and invites the application of Registered Nurses, and we hope the profession will prove its patriotism by joining up at an early date.

We have before us a pink application form issued by the Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession, marked "Confidential," and in handwriting "Form filled in by people of lower walks of life, e.g., Charwoman, etc."

The last instruction on this form is "I desire to be enrolled in the Civil Nursing Reserve as a Nursing Auxiliary and to undertake the necessary course of training." Comment is superfluous. We are not surprised that the Minister of Health "could not see his way" to place a representative of the National Council of Nurses on the Central Emergency Committee! Naturally "char ladies" as nurses for our wounded soldiers would not have been eligible.

Several highly trained Registered Nurses we know intend to take up other work, should the Nursing Profession be degraded by the Government through the General Nursing Council. Many such defections will be a serious loss. As it is, skilled Staff nurses are at a premium.

Among the beds in the new Princess Elizabeth of York Hospital for Children, now being built at Banstead Wood, Surrey, will be one founded by the nurses of the hospital's sister organisation at Shadwell, East London.

The money to found the bed, £250, has been collected entirely by the nurses and will bear the inscription, "Founded by the Shadwell Nurses, 1936-1939."

The foundation stone of the new "Country Hospital for Town Children," at Banstead, was laid by the Queen (when Duchess of York) in 1936. The hospital is now

half built, but a sum of £100,000 is needed to complete the building.

Flying-officer Michael Noel Mavrogordato, of the Reserve of Air Force Officers, recently married, at Oxford register office, Miss Elizabeth Tuke, a nurse at the Radcliffe Infirmary, who nursed him after a flying crash at Witney last summer.

In this dangerous service it is well to have as wife a professional nurse—good luck for the future.

While many hospitals are suffering from a shortage of nurses, the King George Hospital, Ilford, has a short waiting-list.

The hospital's chairman, Alderman A. W. Green, said at the annual meeting recently: "There is something more in the life of the average girl than hard work; she must have a cheerful, happy home. The Board co-operated with the matron by revising the salaries for nurses and sisters. We are now up to establishment."

We are informed that:—

"London County Council's Hospital and Medical Services Committee propose to buy 500 haversacks, fitted with vacuum flasks, milk bottles and sandwich containers, for the use of resident nurses while on country walks.

"This is the latest of a series of reforms to make the lot of the resident nurse a happier one. She now has a greater freedom on 'off-duty days,' the use of gymnastic apparatus, opportunities of staying at certain of the council's country and seaside hospitals on nights off."

Why are nurses to be treated with these absurd bribes? They can very well afford to hike if needs be on their off-duty days. Moreover, it would be interesting to unfortunate ratepayers to be informed what they have got to pay for these treats. We know of many who neither get days off drudgery—nor have they funds for constant outings. Moreover, many self-respecting nurses object to this constant pauperisation by the L.C.C. at the ratepayers' expense.

Miss M. E. Abram, so long a leader in nursing organisation in India, as Matron of the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, who resigned that post recently and returned to England, has recently returned to India as Superintendent of the Lady Willingdon Nursing Home and of the Lady Ampthill Nursing Association in Madras. A hearty welcome awaited Miss Abram upon her return to work in India, and the good wishes of every member of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, of which she was formerly President, have been extended to her.

The present President of the Association, Miss Chadwick, after some months' furlough in England has also returned to India to her work in Madras.

Be calm in arguing; for fierceness makes
Error a fault, and truth discourtesie.
Why should I feel another man's mistakes
More than his sicknesses or poverty?
In love, I should; but anger is not love,
Nor wisdom either; therefore gently move.
George Herbert, 1593-1633.

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