

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Of course, the senior nurses' organisation, The Royal British Nurses Association, is remaining on duty at its own headquarters, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Miss Isabel Macdonald returned from holiday as soon as war was declared, and to have her at the helm is all that is required. The daily routine of duty goes on from hour to hour to the very great benefit of members and the spirit of residents is calm and valiant.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The office of the British College of Nurses is still open, work as usual. Members welcomed from 10 to 5, no one has cold feet. The address of the National Council of Nurses is also at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING.

The Royal College of Nursing is still working at Headquarters in London.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.**

The International Council of Nurses has removed from 51, Palace Street, S.W.1, to c/o Dr. Schlossmann, South Acre, 8, Latham Road, Cambridge. The Executive Secretary is in South Africa.

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

The central offices of the Institute have been evacuated and its address is now: The Hermitage, East Grinstead.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Committee of Management of the F.N.I.F. has decided to close International House and let it unfurnished during the war if possible. The Dominion students have joined the Civil Nursing Reserve and have been allotted to work in this country. Other students are trying to get home. The new address of the F.N.I.F. is c/o Dr. Schlossmann, South Acre, 8, Latham Road, Cambridge.

ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

Members are asked to note that the General Meeting, provisionally arranged for October 14th, has been cancelled; also that *meetings of the Executive Committee will be suspended for the present.*

Miss Cox-Davies will be at the Cowdray Club, 20, Cavendish Square, W.1, until further notice, and all correspondence should be addressed to her there.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The annual reunion will be held on Wednesday, October 18th, from 3 to 6 p.m. St. Luke's Day Service in the Chapel at 3.30 p.m., the Bishop of Croydon officiating, followed by tea in the Nurses' Home. All past members of the Staff are cordially invited. R.S.V.P. to Matron.

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Minister of Health has in recent weeks been receiving from scheme-making Authorities under the Air Raid Precautions Act, their proposals for an emergency ambulance service to pick up casualties other than walking wounded and take them to hospitals or depots. There are 151 such Authorities in England and Wales. 100 Authorities have submitted their proposals to date and 42 schemes have already been approved.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.**150,000 BEDS READY.**

At least 150,000 beds are already available for casualties in England and Wales, following the evacuation of hospital patients from London and other large cities.

About 24,000 stretcher cases have been moved, including over 2,000 from London.

Patients have been taken from 34 London hospitals in converted Green Line 'buses to five specially chosen stations, from which they were taken by train, escorted by doctors and nurses, to Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings, Oxford, Reading, Bedford and Cambridge.

A few patients too ill to be moved are still in the large hospitals, where they are, of course, well cared for.

The House Committee of the London Hospital reported at the quarterly court of governors that there were now only 70 patients remaining in hospital.

The hospital staff now consists of 30 doctors, 30 students, to act as dressers, etc., 120 nurses and an adequate number of lay staff, most of whom are living in the hospital and will act as patrols and fire squadrons.

By the emergency scheme London and the surrounding counties have been divided into sectors, and the London Hospital is the parent hospital of two sectors which comprise Essex, Hertfordshire and part of Middlesex.

By evacuation the hospital has reduced its complement of beds to 200, which will be reserved for the admission of air-raid casualties. These casualties will be drafted as soon as possible to other hospitals in the sector, more distant from this "black" area.

The London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women (University of London) has been granted a Royal Charter. The school was founded in 1874.

The London County Council propose to erect a new institution at Anerley to supplement the accommodation provided at another hospital for persons suffering from senile dementia. The arrangements under which these patients are received do not necessitate their being "certified" for compulsory detention under the Lunacy Acts.

The new buildings, which will cost approximately £271,380, will provide accommodation for 340 patients, but they have been planned so that, should the need arise, the accommodation may be extended to provide for 612 patients.

In addition to providing beds for the Emergency Hospital Service, the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free), Fulham Road, London, has arranged to receive and treat a limited number of cases of malignant disease. The X-Ray Therapeutic Department is carrying on as usual, and the out-patients' sessions will be held daily.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Haldane, Scalby, Scarborough, have made a gift of £10,000 to Hull Royal Infirmary in seven yearly instalments. They made a similar gift to Scarborough Hospital seven years ago. The announcement of the Hull gift followed immediately on the cancellation of the house-to-house collection.

Since the outbreak of War, nearly the entire stock of radium which Britain possesses, has been buried at least 50 ft. underground, in case of air raids.

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