

will adapt itself healthily to the changed conditions brought about by a progressive civilization. The principal results, so far, however, are the greatly improved health of the women and children and the improvement in the care of the home.



THE PRIZE CHILD WELFARE  
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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH CENTRAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE.

### THE NATION'S CALL FOR NURSES.

The first meeting of the Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession was held on Monday, January 30th, at the Ministry of Health, under the Chairmanship of Sir Malcolm Delevingne.

In the event of an emergency the nursing "Force" of the country will need large reinforcements. The object the Government have in view in compiling an Emergency Register for the Nursing Services is to ensure the provision and maintenance of a Nursing Reserve which shall be available, if and when the call comes, to reinforce the body of nurses actively employed in the National Nursing Services that is, in the Hospitals, the District Nursing, and the Public Health Nursing Services of the country.

The call to register is *not* addressed to those trained nurses (or nurses in training) who are actively employed at present in hospital, district or public health nursing; such nurses should, in the event of an emergency, *continue in the work of national importance in which they are engaged.*

The call is addressed to the following classes of nurses, who should apply to the Central Emergency Committee as indicated below:—

Trained nurses engaged in work other than hospital, district or public health nursing.

Trained nurses who have retired from active work or who are engaged in private nursing.

Assistant nurses who are not employed in public institutions.

The kinds of emergency service for which offers are sought may be classed roughly as follows:—

Service in the hospitals.

Service at First Aid Posts.

Service in districts to which large numbers have been evacuated, *e.g.*, as district or public health nurses.

Women who are willing to undertake a course of training as nursing auxiliaries in an emergency are advised to join the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the British Red Cross Society, of which particulars are given in the National Service Guide. But if for one reason or another they do not wish to join one of these organisations they should send their names to the Central Emergency Committee.

Persons desiring to offer for service should obtain from the Central Emergency Committee, Romney House, Marsham Street, London, S.W.1, a form on which to make their offer.

## FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS IN INDIA.

Arrangements are now being made to establish the King-Emperor's Anti-Tuberculosis Fund on a permanent basis, with a view to applying the fund to the Central and Provincial purposes for which it was raised. Since the appeal for money was launched in India in December, 1937, more than Rs.60 lakhs (approximately £450,000) has been raised, and a final campaign is now being carried out with a view to closing the appeal.

Proposals for applying the fund will include the creation of a central organisation at the headquarters of the Government of India, supported by provincial, and possibly State, associations, which will apply a uniform policy in the different localities in which tuberculosis prevails. The expenditure of the fund in the Provinces and the States will be mainly in the provision of clinics and, where possible, of sanatoria and after-cure settlements. The expenditure at headquarters will be on research, liaison with the provincial and State associations, the provision of technical advice, and the development of a model clinic at Delhi.

We hope the Trained Nurses' Association of India, a wonderfully progressive and patriotic body, will be given an opportunity by Lady Linlithgow, wife of the Viceroy, who is expected to head the central establishment, to closely associate itself with representatives of the affiliated provincial and State associations so that the best use may be made of their special services.

We express this hope because the President of the Association in her recent Address at Mysore referred to the Anti-Tuberculosis Scheme, and the need for training and experience as a qualification for those who would be employed was strongly emphasised. "As an Association of Nurses," she remarked, "whose work is not only the care of the sick and the prevention of disease, but the education of the nurse in training, we cannot agree with the proposed scheme prepared for the training of Tuberculosis Health Workers. Nevertheless, all the help possible will be given by us in the working of the Anti-Tuberculosis Scheme."

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE PUNJAB.

The *Nursing Journal of India* announces that Mrs. Chesney (*nee* Bonsor), late Nursing Superintendent of the Dufferin Hospital, Karachi, has accepted the post of Nurse-Registrar for the Punjab Nurses' and Midwives' Council. The Association has worked for the appointment of Nurse-Registrars for many years, therefore this is indeed good news and we heartily congratulate Mrs. Chesney.

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