

to their own dear native land, and their flights into France, and into England, will make stirring stories for a future generation—who know not Hitler, long since a horror of the past.

Sister Oakley Williams has received a most appreciative letter of thanks from the Polish Relief Fund for her skilled services, initiative and successful organisation. Her colleagues in England will, we feel sure, wish to add their congratulations that she has brought the Canadian Polish Unit into safe harbour in spite of bombs, submarines and other perils.

E. G. F.

### A HOUSE OF HOPE.

One thing we deeply regret, with increased expenses and rising cost in all directions, many of us are unable to continue financial support to all the good works in which we have been so long interested, but we feel sure the following letter from Captain Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., will extract the last penny from our purses.

In the past twenty-four hours we have seen the sun rise, pearly dew veiling the world, flowers of glorious hues nodding good morrow, midday glowing, shades of evening, nightfall of stars—dear human faces and real love in the eyes of our dogs. Alas! all this loveliness sacrificed for us! How can we prove our gratitude to these men who never more will see the splendour of these gifts of God in this world?

Read, mark and learn from the following letter:

ST. DUNSTAN'S.

FOR BLINDED SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN OF THE  
BRITISH EMPIRE.

Inner Circle,  
Regent's Park,  
London, N.W.1.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

In St. Dunstan's Hospital at this moment is a number of young officers and men of the three Services whose eyes have been most seriously damaged by enemy action. The most skilful and devoted surgeons and nurses are looking after them.

We must give them every extra comfort and facility to aid their recovery. While they are blind they must be guided, read to, their letters written for them. As some of them recover a little sight they must have congenial surroundings, companionship, careful nursing.

Many will recover their health and spirits, but not their eyesight. Several already know that they have been blinded and that they will not see again. We are beginning to teach them that blindness is an opportunity. They have courage, youth, adaptability, and we have great experience, gained in caring for nearly 3,000 men who were blinded 1914-18.

St. Dunstan's is a house of hope and wonderful spirit pervades it. These young men who have lost so much in the country's service will return again soon to active life and useful citizenship.

I must have new funds for this new work. There is hardly a person in the land who has not helped St. Dunstan's in some way or another to look after the men of the Great War. I hope all will respond as generously to this new appeal.

Yours sincerely,  
IAN FRASER, *Chairman.*

### NEW MATRON-IN-CHIEF, QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Miss Katharine Henrietta Jones, S.R.N., to be Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, in succession to Miss Catherine Murray Roy, R.G.N., who will retire in July.

Miss Jones was Senior Principal Matron, B.E.F., and was previously Principal Matron at the War Office. She saw service during the last war and in Palestine during 1937, when she was mentioned in despatches.

Miss Katharine Jones was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, from 1913 to 1916, and her appointment as their Matron-in-Chief will be welcomed by the Members of Q.A.I.M.N.S., with whom she is deservedly popular. During her superintendence in France with the B.E.F., Miss Jones maintained a high standard of discipline the while setting an example of devotion to duty, and with the support of all ranks, has thus added additional laurels to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, already held in the highest esteem by medical colleagues and the sick and wounded, which it is their honour to attend.

Miss Catherine Murray Roy, R.G.N., has been exceedingly popular in Army Nursing circles, and she leaves warm friends in all ranks.

### LEGACIES FOR REGISTERED NURSES.

Mr. John Arkcoll, of Foley House, Maidstone, left Miss Mary Elizabeth Cooper, S.R.N., R.R.C., £20,000, and Miss Dorothy F. Mudie, S.R.N., R.R.C., £5,000. To each, also, he gave a cottage, and after making many bequests, the residue of his estate.

He stated that these bequests are "because I believe that, had it not been for the kindly and efficient service and attention which I have always received from these two ladies, I possibly should not be alive at all, or in any event I should not be living in the peace and comfort which I now enjoy. Under the circumstances, therefore, I feel that I can hardly do too much for them."

We congratulate these two members of the nursing profession upon recognition of their devotion to duty. We are specially pleased to note they are State Registered Nurses and presumably honoured for their services to the fighting forces.

### PAPER HANDKERCHIEFS.

The attention of medical officers of sanatoria and other hospitals is drawn by the Ministry of Health to the fact that the Ministry of Supply have issued a direction under the Control of Paper (No. 16) Order, 1940, prohibiting the manufacture of paper handkerchiefs after the end of June.

This is a very ill-advised direction. Who is going to wash, and who wish to use, handkerchiefs infected by disease? This order should be countermanded at once, and an ample supply of paper handkerchiefs supplied in every hospital, especially in institutions where infectious diseases, skin diseases, and syphilis are treated. The Rt. Hon. H. S. Morrison, M.P., is Minister of Supply, apparently he has no medical adviser amongst his staff of 46 assistants. Surely when a Government Department deals with munitions production, explosives and chemical supplies, equipment and stores, and Army requirements, medical science should be evoked for the safety of producers and users. More paper handkerchiefs, please, Mr. Morrison, and we need them now.

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