

London, it would have been more satisfactory if a special Committee composed of representatives of the Nurses' Organisations in Great Britain had been inaugurated for their distribution. Failing this we invite more publicity on the matter.

The article on "Income Tax for Nurses" published on page 189 should be carefully studied, as the heavy taxation will be a sore trial to many nurses who have obligations in relation to others. Great self-sacrifice is called for, and those with a sufficiency of income will, no doubt, look around to see how they can help colleagues who are not so fortunate.

The sacrifices to be made are inevitable owing to the huge cost of war, as economy is not a national characteristic where public expenditure is concerned. All said and done, we must grin and bear it; by and by will be time enough to insist on drastic economy by Government Departments, politicians, and public bodies.

At the same time, we approve the very best conditions possible for our young recruits in every fighting force. To begin with, it is announced that they are to have an egg on Christmas Day! Let us hope it will not be addled. Also, if anything *can* be done to improve the cooking and serving of meals in camp, let expert cooks come forward; they would be worth their weight in gold! Not so much swank about it, of course, but brass buttons will not win the war, and scientific nourishment hot from the pot may do so.

We note now that coughs and colds are again rampant, and apparently few people use handkerchiefs in public vehicles, that complaints are appearing in the Press. The cost of laundry is now abnormal, 2d. for a hankie, and so on. Why not paper handkerchiefs, as of yore? They were discontinued by some unpractical male Minister early in the war, whilst unlimited "ads." in every direction, using paper, were winked at.

Now that we have a woman in office at the Ministry of Health, such practical details might well be considered by her.

Paper handkerchiefs are practical and hygienic; male Ministers care for none of these things. We

call on Miss Horsbrugh to tackle the sneezing and infection in buses, cars, and tram compartments. The public health demands that one member of the public may not spit in his neighbour's face with impunity.

The *American Journal of Nursing* announces the appointment of an additional Assistant Editor to the already comprehensive staff.

Miss Anna M. Taylor, who has been appointed to this interesting office, was a part-time member of the *Journal* staff in 1938.

Miss Taylor is a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, the school to which the profession and the *Journal* are indebted for the magazine's first Editor, Sophia Palmer.



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New Member of Council, British College of Nurses.

Under the heading Legislation, the *A.J.N.* reports the promotion of several Acts on Nursing conditions. Each State legislature controls its own affairs as far as possible. America's most northerly nursing association in Alaska has secured an Act for the Registration of Nurses which will protect the title R.N., to qualify for which a nurse must hold a diploma from a school accredited by the Board and giving a three years' course. Congratulations.

A Bill to provide for licensure of practical nurses (assistant nurses) in Washington was recently introduced in the State legislature by a group of these semi-trained nurses.

Three district associations of qualified nurses presented their objections to the Bill, and it

was opposed also by other nurses in the State. The Bill was killed in Committee. Sincere congratulations. A good example which must be followed in this country should the supporters of semi-trained nurses claim legal status to be administered by the General Nursing Council, which the Registered Nurses finance.

Public Health Nursing, published in New York, is one of the most informative journals amongst our exchanges and usually takes us far afield in its national survey of nursing.

The snows of Alaska, the glorious sunshine in Latin

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