

Women War Workers Needed.

As more munition factories go into production each month the call for women war workers becomes increasingly urgent throughout the country.

There are great opportunities for women who can take the places of skilled men.

An eight weeks' course at Technical Colleges, designed to make women machine-minded, fits them for the repetitive jobs in munition-making, such as shell-filling. The building of fighters and bombers, and work in other armament factories, demand longer and more intensive training which leads to higher pay.

Government training centres, now enrolling women for a three to four months' course, have proved that women can be as proficient as men in the lighter metal work. As a result, employers have agreed to give women equal rights of pay after they have passed through a probationary period in the factory.

Without Regret.

We are in touch with many good friends in the United States of America, and we gather that one and all feel a certain humiliation that they are not fighting in the front rank for righteousness. Be that as it may, there is no doubt that we bid good-bye to Mr. James Kennedy, the recent American Ambassador, without regret.

That great country has usually been represented at the Court of St. James's by great men—of intellectual attainments and not primarily interested in big business. We have always realised that Mr. Kennedy was incapable of understanding the special psychology of the British people, and this his broadcasts, now that he has returned to U.S.A., amply prove. Perhaps he is not to be blamed; he does not believe in our claim to democracy any more than we believe in the democracy of the average politician in U.S.A., with its multi-millionaires, its gangsters, stock-yards and "Okies." Both countries have to rid themselves of fallacies in this connection. Let us hope true democracy—that is, government by the people (including women)—may evolve after the war, and that the avid avarice and its demoralising effects which are poisoning mankind throughout the world, may find a corrective, otherwise once more that splendid manhood of the Empire will have been spent in vain.

Help Greece!

Valiant Greece! The small country which has proudly proved to others, less valiant, how men fight when inspired with ardent patriotism, must have all the help we can give it.

The Crown Princess of Greece states that there is still an urgent need for woollen comforts of every kind to alleviate the sufferings of the Greek soldiers, which will be gratefully received by the Anglo-Hellenic League, 8, Princes Gardens, London, S.W.7.

Canada is Splendid.

The Canadian Red Cross raised upwards of four million dollars by its first appeal a year ago, and the second national appeal has easily exceeded the objective of five million dollars. It is also announced that it has set aside one million five hundred thousand dollars to provide parcels regularly for British prisoners of war in Germany. This is fine, do not let us forget those prisoners, their needs are great, food, clothes, and every civilised appliance, day in and day out.

Books for Allied Forces.

The British Council is anxious to provide as much literature as possible for the allied soldiers, sailors, and airmen, in French, Polish, Czech, Norwegian, Danish, Dutch and Flemish. English and foreign books, magazines, and periodicals can be handed in at almost all post offices for free transmission to the Services Central Book Depot. They should be unstamped, unwrapped, and unaddressed. They must not be posted in a letter box.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on January 24th.

Election of Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Miss D. M. Smith, Vice-Chairman, in the absence of Dame Ellen Musson, owing to indisposition, vacated the Chair, which was taken by Lady Limerick, nominee of the Privy Council.

Lady Limerick announced that there was only one nomination, that of Dame Ellen Musson. A letter from Dame Ellen was read in which she agreed to continue to act as Chairman only because the younger members of Council were so busy in connection with the War. Should any younger member feel equal to doing this work, Dame Ellen would give all the help in her power.

Dame Ellen Musson was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year, and great tribute was paid to her work for the Council.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Lady Limerick announced that as there was only one nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman, that of Miss D. M. Smith, she was elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

Miss D. M. Smith thanked the members for re-electing her, and returned to the Chair.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £675 for Weekly Salaries, £300 for Postage Stamps, £10 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for Registration were: General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 19. Total 26.

It was agreed that 28 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

The following number of Nurses Registered during the year 1940 was reported:—

	By Examination.	By Reciprocity.	Total.
General Part of the Register	7,291	131	7,422
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses	52	—	52
Mental Nurses... ..	163	7	170
Mental Defectives' Nurses	17	1	18
Sick Children's Nurses	331	18	349
Fever Nurses	774	28	802
	8,628	185	8,813

Total Number Registered from September, 1921, to December, 1940.

General Part of the Register ...	108,150 including 64,914 by Examination.		
Supplementary Part of the Register for—			
Male Nurses ...	529	294	"
Mental Nurses...	8,862	1,841	"
Mental Defectives' Nurses	479	99	"
Sick Children's Nurses	4,352	3,213	"
Fever Nurses ...	11,681	9,217	"
	134,053	79,578	"

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