

loss of home and property from enemy bombs. This appeal is surely unnecessary, as the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund is established for charitable purposes, and nurses whose homes and belongings are damaged by enemy action are eligible for help through the Fund which now amounts to two and a half million pounds—rising by thousands every day. Moreover, Canada is subscribing liberally to the Fund, one Toronto newspaper alone having sent £100,000.

We learn, moreover, that the incomes of Canadian nurses, many of whom are sending help in cash and kind through their Red Cross Society, are suffering financial depreciation through the War, as taxes, food, clothes, etc., have all increased in cost, so that to petition them to help their colleagues in Great Britain financially is not justifiable. Moreover, so far as we know our nurses have not been consulted in this matter, and to invite charity from our colleagues in the Dominions, upon their behalf, without their consent is in our opinion inexcusable. We hope the Royal College of Nursing will cease to present us to the world at large *in forma pauperis*.

THE PASSING BELL.

We report with sincere regret the death of Miss Charlotte Mill, which took place in Scotland on March 10th. Her very valuable nursing service was rendered in the Indian Empire, to which she went in the first instance to nurse the plague and where she remained for 24 years. Miss Mill was Matron for many years of St. George's Hospital (European) in Bombay, where her fine character and great devotion to duty were universally acknowledged, and she was honoured by the bestowal of the Kaiser-i-hind Medal for Public Service.

All her nursing life Miss Mill was a subscriber to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and we thus came into touch with her from time to time. She was esteemed and beloved by her colleagues throughout her honourable nursing career, and we offer our sympathy to Miss Q. M. Mill; on the loss she has sustained by the passing of a beloved sister.

STRONG YOUNG HANDS.

"What a debt do we owe to those strong young hands of the R.A.F. pilots!"—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

When deepest darkness palls the sky
And bloods upon the sombre sea,
The Silver Ships are riding high,
Guardians of a destiny.

The cry went forth from stricken lands,
The Silver Ships replied "All's well!"
Their courses steered by strong young hands,
They stormed the Butchers' citadel.

And yet by night, and yet by day,
With each fresh dawn fresh hell endured,
They kept the trampling foe at bay
And speak to England, "Be assured!"

Oh, strong young hands! young, valiant men!
Keepers of a freeman's goal!
In them Achilles lives again
And bared in them is England's soul.

Calm, calm, you watchers here below!
Calm, martyrs of our martyred lands!
The Silver Ships are riding . . . know
Your lot is safe in strong young hands!

—WALTER D. CHARLTON in
New Zealand Nurses' Journal.

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.1, on March 28th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £720 for Weekly Salaries, £400 for Postage Stamps, £40 for Insurance Stamps and £30 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Part of the Register, by reciprocity, 1; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses by Examination, 16, by reciprocity, 1. Total 20.

It was agreed that 350 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

The provisional approval of Maidenhead Hospital as a Complete Training School for General Nurses be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Orthopædic Hospital, Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent, and the London Road Hospital, Newcastle, Staffs, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less.

It was agreed that the Pre-Nursing Course at Whitcliffe Mount Grammar School, Cleckheaton, Yorks, and at Levenshulme High School, Manchester, be approved for the purposes of Part I of the Preliminary Examination.

A letter was considered from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for Scotland, applying for reciprocal recognition of Part I of the Preliminary Examination. Pre-Nursing Courses approved by the General Nursing Council are now in force in Scotland. It was, therefore, agreed that reciprocal recognition of Part I of the Preliminary Examination be established in respect of candidates who have passed the Examination after completion of an approved Pre-Nursing Course.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, April 25th.

£5,000 A YEAR REFUSED.

Warmest congratulations to Mr. Tom Johnson, Secretary of State for Scotland, who has refused to accept the salary of £5,000 a year for the office.

Addressing his constituents in West Stirlingshire, he said: "I am determined, as when I was Regional Commissioner for Scotland, to make no addition to my personal income as a result of any service I can yield to the State during the war."

We need more such patriots now that the War is costing £12,000,000 a day!

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