

tion for 46 people. It has been offered to the association on advantageous terms, and all that is wanted is £500 for equipment and repainting.

To go to bed by daylight is a new experience, and after a "blackout" winter a nice change, and we are all being advised to avail ourselves of the advantages of double summer time in order to build up reserves of health against the winter.

Sir Wilson Jameson, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, has been offering good practical advice. When people are tired after a day's work, they should get out during the hours of daylight and rest in the open air.

Sir Wilson wants us to eat more vegetables and National wheatmeal bread, and he hopes to see the wholemeal loaf become the standard bread of the future.

The system of public health laboratories throughout the country, which had been built up to deal with the present emergency, had become extraordinarily efficient. There was now a first-class laboratory available to every medical officer of health within a maximum radius of 30 miles of his office. A feature of the work was that the staffs went out to engage in field work and trace the origin of epidemics. They also went out as teams in connection with the immunisation of children against diphtheria.

What we greatly enjoy every month is studying our "Exchanges," and by this post we have received *The Canadian Nurse*, *South African Nursing Journal*, *The New Zealand Nursing Journal*, *The Nursing Journal of India*, *The Journal of the Western Australian Nurses*, *The Quarterly Bulletin of the Frontier Nursing Service*, and "The Rockefeller Foundation, A Review for 1940." All of which contain information of a most interesting character, but which, alas! need time for study.

Referring to the control of the "Assistant Nurse," *The Canadian Nurse* states in reference to the Royal College of Nursing that the Private Nurses' Section of the College, in particular, are conscious of the need for a Roll of Assistant Nurses. They admit the difficulty of laying down hard and fast rules of admission to such a Roll during the period of grace; but they question the adequacy of "a certificate of competence from the agency . . . through which they (the assistant nurses) are engaged," as suggested in the recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee. Some agencies, conducted on a purely commercial basis by lay people, lack the knowledge to give such a certificate. The Private Nurses' Section are calling an open meeting to discuss the matter. Meanwhile, the Education Committee and Sister Tutor Section of the Royal College are at work on a scheme of training for the assistant nurse.

As the qualified Registered Private Nurse is the one class of worker which will have to compete with a semi-trained and cheaper class of nurse in the open market, one wonders by what misguided influence the Private Nurses' Section of the Royal College has been persuaded to commit *felo de se*!

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members will be held next month; at a date in July yet to be arranged. It is hoped Fellows and Members will make an effort to attend, although it is to be feared hospitality will not be possible on the old generous scale. Butter, milk, cake, all strictly rationed, and tea and sugar only procurable as gifts! Let us hope that by this time next year this tyranny will be overpassed; if not, we must stick it, and be thankful, if alive, to help rebuild a better world.

THE REGISTER OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

We, with great pleasure, offer thanks to the General Nursing Council for Scotland for its courtesy in presenting to the British College of Nurses a copy of the Printed Register maintained by it, containing the names, qualifications and addresses of nurses, 1941.

It appears as before, bound in a blue cover, on an excellent quality of paper, and admirably printed in clear type. Considering the difficulties in the production of such a work, at the present time, all concerned in the production of this Register are to be congratulated.

Scottish nurses whose honourable qualifications are thus given the publicity they deserve—a just reward for three years' strenuous study and service to the sick—will, we hope, appreciate the value of legal status after sufficient training and examination, and will realise it is their duty to maintain the high standard to which the Profession of Nursing has attained in Scotland.

LETTERS OF GREETING.

Nothing gives our members more pleasure than to know they are kept in affectionate regard by their colleagues in the great Dominions, from whence so much valiant support is forthcoming in every theatre of war.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE CLUB FOR NURSES, PERTH,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

To the Secretary.

DEAR MADAM,—Greetings to you all from nurses in Western Australia. I just wish you could arrive in our midst and hear the various expressions of appreciation of the great courage that England is showing in this great trial. We look forward to the various nursing journals that arrive so regularly in spite of coming from the very centre of war, and marvel at the spirit that can and does continue your splendid work under such conditions. Greetings and every good wish to you all. May peaceful days come again to you soon.

Yours faithfully,
M. YEATS, *Hon. Secretary*.

72, Molesworth Street, North Adelaide.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—

The sympathy of all overseas nurses is for our profession in Britain. Oh! but we are proud to be British when we read of the splendid morale and wonderful deeds our civilian British are doing every day.

And there is so little over here that we can do in comparison, though we always seem to be busy, but working under such peaceful conditions. The Red Cross Civilian Refugee Depot is where my special war work is. It is such a joy when we send case after case of clothing home to London. This depot never closes, generally 30 to 40 working there at a time. What can I say except my deep sympathy for you and all members of the British College of Nurses.

For nearly twelve years I have enjoyed reading the JOURNAL so very much.

With best wishes and prayers for a speedy peace.

Yours sincerely, ROSALIND STOW.

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