

be used to take the patients down the fire escape. Some of the cases were very serious and quite helpless.

The flying bombs were met during the night by one of the biggest barrages yet seen. One A.D.G.B. fighter pilot shot down three flying bombs in one patrol.

Our admiration and gratitude are sincere.

Heroism Far and Wide.

Many more well-known London hospitals have met disaster—amongst them that fine institution the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, which was extensively damaged by fire when a bomb crashed on it. Seven patients were buried; there was no hope of their recovery alive. Many blind patients were escorted through smoke and fire and smashed masonry to the open street. The hospital will be temporarily evacuated.

The heroism is reported from far and wide of the staff.

General Eisenhower Leaves Britain for France.

The announcement that General Eisenhower has now transferred his permanent headquarters across the Channel, has given general satisfaction in Great Britain, as it clearly implies not only that the Allied grip upon French soil is secure, but that within the liberated territory there is room to stand back from the battlefield and survey the course of operations with all the comprehensiveness and detachment that are essential to a supreme command. Young soldiers writing home from Normandy are full of the most hopeful spirit for an early termination to hostilities.

"A NANNIE SPEAKS."

We have received from the talented and sympathetic authoress, Mrs. Hilda Trevelyan-Thomson, a copy of "A Nannie Speaks" and other verses of comfort, very beautifully illustrated, for which many thanks.

A NANNIE SPEAKS.

"He was killed flying
Far across the sea;
We taught him to be brave,
So we must be.
You are his mother,
Yes—I know, I know.

Sit with me for a little, by the fire,
In his old nursery;
We shall never tire
Of talking of far-off, happy days.
(I'll poke the fire
He loved a cheerful blaze)."

KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

"To-day he will come nearer still to you,
If that could be, for you have stood the test;
A mutual love so deep, your loyalty knew
Calls for higher courage, and demands the best.

A year ago you knew not how to face
Such strange, new loneliness, for he had gone.
Refusing his fine record to disgrace,
Bewildered, baffled, still you struggled on.

When, lion-hearted, you faced life again,
Barrage against despair, your children stood,
Staunch life-lines rescuing you from seas of pain,
Living, triumphant proof that God is good."

Golden Thoughts Booklets, of which "A Nannie Speaks" by Hilda Trevelyan-Thomson is one, are published by Valentine and Sons, Ltd., Dundee and London.

They make a charming gift to those who have lost dear ones at the front.

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 July 28th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., presided.

Death of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still.

The Chairman reported the death of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still on July 23rd. She was a member of the first Council appointed in 1920, and was elected to continue to serve in 1922, 1927, 1932, and she retired in 1937.

Congratulations to Two Members.

Congratulations were offered to Dr. H. M. C. Macaulay and to Dr. Rees Thomas upon being appointed Hon. Physicians to His Majesty the King.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

A letter was reported from the Minister of Health approving a grant of £285 17s. 3d. per annum to Miss Nock, Assistant Registrar, just retired.

The Syllabus and Subjects of Examination for the Assistant Nurses, submitted to the Minister of Health, cannot be approved by him until the Rules and Regulations are completed and sent for his approval.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £2,250 for weekly salaries, £700 for postage, £100 for insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

Estimates for stationery of £295 7s. 8½d., £354 17s. 6d., £28 10s. 8½d., £13 9s. 1½d., and £5 7s. 2d. £25 was approved for 5,000 copies of Syllabus of Subjects of Examination for Assistant Nurses, £36 8s. 0d. for Certificates for Assistant Nurses and £27 0s. 5d. for the envelopes.

Registration.

Applications for Registration were:—General Register by Examination, 85, by reciprocity, 7; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses, by Examination, 2; for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by Examination, 4, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by Examination, 2, by reciprocity, 4; for Fever Nurses by Examination, 22, by reciprocity, 2. Total 129.

It was agreed that the names of 92 Nurses who had failed to pay the retention fee, and now wish their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

Applications for Admission to the List of Nurses were considered, and 60 General Nurses, 1 Male Nurse, 3 Nurses for Mental Diseases, 1 Sick Children's Nurse, and 11 Fever Nurses were admitted to the List.

It was agreed that the Registration Committee be empowered to deal with all matters concerning the Election of Council; and that Mr. Hugh Garton be appointed Deputy Returning Officer.

Education and Examination.

A hospital was approved as an Affiliated Training School for General Nurses; Continuation of Approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Nurses was extended, and Pre-Nursing Courses were approved.

Assistant Nurses Committee.

It was agreed that the names of 211 applicants, whose applications have been found to be in order, be entered in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for September 29th.

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