

and through Regulation 19 uses the Registered Nurses' Registration Fees to organise and subsidise quackery, and until this gross injustice is prevented by the amendment of the Law, the shortage of intelligent applicants for training will continue.

The duty of the Press is to know of and prevent abuses, and until it realises that honourable women, few of whom dare to oppose the powers which hold them in an economic grip, there is little hope that the sick will receive the skilled nursing which is their due.

We hope the Press will awake to a serious national evil and demand its amendment.

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Nurses' Christian Movement announces that an Autumn Meeting and Sale will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, in the Livingstone Hall, Westminster (opposite St. James's Park Station), at 3 p.m. There will be a sale of work, 4.30 p.m., tea, 6.30 p.m., meeting. The chair will be taken by Miss E. MacManus, O.B.E., and speakers include Sir Henry Holland, C.I.E., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E., Quetta, and Nurse Recruits. It is to be hoped there will be a good attendance as usual. As stated in *Nurses Near and Far*, the official organ: "Ours may be just a tiny sphere, with one or two people, or it may be one which influences many lives. Whichever it may be, we can only use our influence aright, as we draw grace and power from God Himself, who is the one source of true neighbourliness and peace. As we seek to follow our great Example, it may be that our efforts at fellowship and friendship may have influence far beyond our ken. . . . These coming months are bound to bring changes of sphere for many. There are numbers of vacant posts in the mission field crying out for recruits. We ask 'What of the future?' Let us be alert to hear God's voice telling us His will for us."

The Society of Mental Nurses has arranged for a visit to the York Clinic, Guy's Hospital, at 3 p.m., on October 16th. Visitors will see the clinic and Dr. Felix Brown will speak about the work.

Applications for tickets, which will be limited to 30, should be made to Miss Purcell or Miss Scott at Guy's Hospital, York Clinic, London, S.E.1. Nearest station, London Bridge.

It is announced from the Ministry of Health that a further scheme for financial assistance from the Government to State Registered Nurses (male or female) who wish to take a whole-time course of training as sister tutors or male tutors, and who are not in receipt of financial help for this purpose from their employing authority or any other source may apply for assistance.

Under this scheme the assistance given to successful applicants will cover the training and examination fees, and an allowance of £150 for the period of training (payable monthly in arrear) towards the cost of maintenance and incidental expenses, including travelling expenses and the cost of books.

Any nurses who wish to apply for assistance under the scheme should address their applications to the Secretary,

Ministry of Health, Division 4A(8), Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

In the *Public Assistance Journal* of September 28th, Miss Diana Hartley, Acting Assistant Secretary, the National Association of Assistant Nurses, writes urging them to enrol before February 6th, 1946, or they will lose their status as assistant nurses, and informing them that the Association is doing everything possible to promote their interests and that the authorities are alive to the great necessity of improving their salaries and working conditions. Miss Hartley states that the work of assistant nurses is destined to grow in scope and prestige, therefore it is well worth while for all those eligible to avail themselves of the opportunity of enrolling, and so obtain a valuable statutory qualification, and so on.

When it is realised that Miss Hartley has availed herself of the privilege of State Registration won for her by colleagues who in the past worked for years and paid for legal status—and that she avails herself of residence at the Club in Queen's Gate of the Royal British Nurses' Association, composed of Registered Nurses—it is amazing that she fails to realise the injury of de-grading nursing standards, and the consequent depreciation of economic stability which results from her policy.

The Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland founded by the great pioneer Sir Wilfred Grenfell, now passed away, for the organisation of medical work amongst British settlers in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland (of which we caught a glimpse on our last visit to Canada), of course needs, not only sympathy but financial support, and we patriots can all help this wonderful work. We recently received the following letter:—

66, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.1.

DEAR MADAM,

Your generous help last year in giving publicity to the sale of our Christmas cards in aid of the work of the Grenfell Mission in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland brought us many new friends and subscribers.

Funds are still urgently needed, and if you can again give us your help it will be greatly appreciated.

I enclose specimens of our coloured cards and calendars with price list for your information, and sincerely hope it will be possible for you to make these known to your readers.

Yours truly,  
(MRS.) R. C. COLLINS,  
Assistant Secretary.

The coloured cards and calendars with portraits of the wonderful dogs which take such an active part in the work are most fascinating, and we advise those who appreciate the spirit of pioneers who have made our splendid Commonwealth of Nations throughout the world—to encourage those of our people in their progressive development of Labrador by securing cards and calendars from the Secretary, Grenfell Association, 66, Victoria Street, S.W.1, or the Hon. Secretary, Grenfell Association, 21, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

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