

## NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 120 nurses to be Queen's Nurses: 87 in England, 2 in Wales, 24 in Scotland and 7 in Northern Ireland.

At the moment the Government announces that State Registered and other nurses are urgently needed for Service Hospitals in the Far East, particularly in India. The requirements include 1,000 State Registered Nurses in India. Recruitment for State Registered Nurses will be to Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve and applications for commissions in this service are accepted only through the Appointments Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service. This is to be regretted as many Registered Nurses are averse to control by the Labour Office, and the sooner the new Ministry of Labour realises this, the better. We plead, however, with our State Registered colleagues who are in good health to undertake this patriotic duty at the earliest possible moment. Our protectors on active duty (especially in India) need their skill, and let it be forthcoming.

It is very seldom that the Matron of a leading London Hospital and Nurse Training School resigns, and news that Miss Gladys V. L. Hillyers has resigned the important position of Matron and Superintendent of Nursing of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, is somewhat of a surprise. The hospital owes her gratitude for a very long term of excellent service as she trained there from 1914 to 1917, before being appointed Assistant Matron, a responsible position she held for many years, in association with the late Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C.

The new Matron is to be appointed in the autumn, for which post an advertisement appears on page iv, the 31st of July 1945, terminating the date for the reception of applications by the Clerk to the Governors, St. Thomas's Hospital.

The sum of £100 has been bequeathed to the Matron of Springfield Hospital by a brother of one of the patients, to be expended by her for the benefit of the nurses of the hospital in the manner she shall think fit. The bequest is a mark of appreciation of kindness shown to the patient.

The Matron consulted the staff, and it has been decided, state Middlesex Mental Hospitals' Committee, to invest the money until six months after the European War, when it shall be realised and expended on two sewing machines and two radio sets at the Nurses' Home.

We hope a little of the legacy may be spent on "frivolity." We all need cheering up at the present time.

The following statement has been authorised by the Executive Council of the Food Education Society:—

1. The Food Education Society regrets that the Government has reduced the extraction rate of the wheat grain for bread-flour to 80 per cent. on inadequate scientific and clinical data, especially at a time when the position in regard to food supply in general is so uncertain.

2. There is good reason to think that any reduction below 80 per cent. would be detrimental to the health of the people and should not be put into effect without further inquiry and experience.
3. The Society is strongly of the opinion that a specification for the post-war loaf is highly desirable, as in the case of other basic foods.

### "NOTHING MUST PARALYSE THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE."

Before our next issue the Election, on July 5, will have taken place, and we shall know the policy of the Government in power.

Our great Premier has set out his policy—a great programme to Rebuild Britain.

"Nothing must paralyse the spirit of adventure."

"We seek the good of the whole nation, not that of one section or one faction," he declares.

"Upon our power to retain unity, the future of this country and the whole world largely depends."

"This is the time for freeing energies, not stifling them. Britain's greatness has been built on character and daring—not on docility to a State machine."

This is a policy to which every Registered Nurse should subscribe.

### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY OF EDINBURGH NURSES' PRIZE GIVING, 23rd MAY, 1945.

His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Marquess of Linlithgow, accompanied by the Marchioness of Linlithgow and members of their suite, paid their annual visit to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh on May 23rd, going first to medical and surgical wards, then proceeding to visit a ward in the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, and finally attending the Nurses' Prize Giving. After a brief introduction by the Chairman of the Board of Managers, the Marquess of Linlithgow congratulated the prize winners, and commended the work of those who also ran. After graciously distributing the prizes, Lady Linlithgow spoke of her admiration for the nursing profession and of the great need for nurses. She begged those present to interest their friends in their chosen work and strive to gain fresh recruits. She also commended the Sister Tutors on the examination results, and said that, from her connection with hospitals in India, she knew how important and arduous was their work.

The chief prize winners were Miss Patricia French, who gained the Affleck medal for "Distinction in Nursing," and the Superintendent's special prize, Miss M. Veitch, the runner up for the medal, and Miss M. M. Laird to whom was awarded the Annie Warren Gill prize for the theory and practice of dietetics.

#### Chief Prize Winners.

Miss M. M. Laird, "Annie Warren Gill" Memorial Prize for Theory and Practice of Dietetics.

Miss A. M. Handyside and Miss M. Veitch, equal, "Affleck" Special Prize for Medical Nursing.

Miss M. Veitch, *proxime accessit* for "Affleck" Medal.

Miss Patricia French, Medical Superintendent's Special Prize.

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