

tion, 1; for Nurses for Mental Diseases, by examination, 9; for Sick Children's Nurses, 12, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses by examination, 49, by reciprocity, 3. Total 338.

It was agreed that the names of 138 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

It was reported that 98 General Nurses, 24 Male Nurses, six Nurses for Mental Diseases, five Sick Children's Nurses and 21 Fever Nurses had been admitted to the list of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

A letter was considered from Sir Arthur Rucker, Ministry of Health, on the subject of a reduction in training for admission to the Register in the case of Nursing Auxiliaries with good nursing experience, who must produce evidence of not less than two years' experience in the nursing of the sick in hospital under the supervision of trained nurses and must be recommended by the Matron of the hospital, and was approved in part.

The clause "an applicant who does not hold an educational qualification acceptable to the Council shall be required to undergo a test examination before admission to the training school," was not agreed.

Applications for approval of Hospitals as Training Schools for Male Nurses were agreed, and continuation of approval of hospitals approved. Pre-nursing courses were approved.

Uniform.

It was reported that Miss Alexander, Miss Campbell, Miss Houghton (Miss Smith, Chairman of Council, and Miss Jones, Vice-chairman of Council, *ex officio*) were appointed a sub-committee to consider the revision of the present State Registered Uniform.

Assistant Nurses.

It was agreed that 1,339 Assistant Nurses whose applications have been found to be in order, be approved for enrolment, and the Registrar was instructed to enter their names in the Roll of Assistant Nurses.

Hospitals were approved as Training Schools for Assistant Nurses from the Public Assistance Department of the Staffordshire County Council.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for September 28th.

DDT Studied for Outdoor Use.

Extensive investigations are now being conducted in U.S.A. to determine the benefits and possible hazards involved in the contemplated use of the insecticide, DDT, on a large scale outdoors as part of a plan to control insect-borne diseases.

In the Pacific theatre, DDT proved highly valuable in bringing insect-borne diseases under control. However, DDT will not be employed indiscriminately in this country until more research work has been completed on the general biological effects of this insecticide.

Besides killing insects that carry diseases, DDT may kill other insects that are beneficial, and thus affect the balance of nature which is important to agriculture and wild life. In combat zones, where the health of the soldier was at stake, it was necessary to ignore these considerations, but in the United States, general outdoor applications will not be adopted until more is known about these biological effects.

THE PEACE.

ENGLAND SPEAKS TO HER CHILDREN.

You have done well, my children, you, who gave the ones, who meant the sun, the moon, the stars to you, they left, with joy, forever dimmed. (Rachel mourns once again, and yet is proud.) And you, who faced as fierce a firing line within your homes, once symbols of content, you have been faithful even until death.

Using the garnered wisdom of the war I ask you to be patient, when the peace sweeps o'er our land, in a tumultuous wave that threatens to engulf. Such surging joy demands that anchorage of self-restraint that served you in the darkest hour, and now is needed more than ever, when the flame of glorious freedom blazes to the stars.

Keep with calm dignity the solemn pledge of punishing with justice bestial men, Hold firm in check that spate of joyousness (for peace does not bring back the lost again) our power comes from dependence on our God Who guided us to victory. He will grant the patience needed for a lasting peace.

If this sharp testing-time is widely met,
I shall be prouder of my children yet.
We shall return to simple happy things,
A baby cooing while its mother sings.

H. TREVELYAN-THOMSON.

THE WAR.

"DEAR DESERT RATS."

We have read eagerly reports of war and of the unflinching heroism of the Empire's troops, for the past seventy years, and own to disappointment with the records of this war—too political, too little heroic—so must not fail to place on record a note on the late Premier's recognition of the "Desert Rats" as 10,000 marched past him in the "Victory Parade" in the Berlin Review on July 21st, a really thrilling occasion.

Mr. Churchill was in radiant form and waved greetings when he arrived, and, speaking to men of the Seventh Armoured Division, said:—

"You were the first to begin; the 11th Hussars were in action in the desert in 1940. Ever since then you have kept marching steadily forward on the long road to victory through so many countries and changing scenes. You have marched and fought your way."

Here Mr. Churchill was struggling against emotion. "Dear Desert Rats," he said, raising his voice, "may your glory ever shine, may your laurels never fail, may the memory of this glorious pilgrimage of war which you have made from El Alamein *via* the Baltic to Berlin never die—a march unsurpassed through all the history of war as far as my reading of history leads me to believe.

"May the fathers long tell their children about this tale. May you all feel that in following your great ancestors you have accomplished something that has done good to the whole world, which has raised the honour of your own country, and of which every man has the right to be proud."

Words which aroused a response from the hearts of these heroes to whom they were addressed.

We who have been on the battlefield for six years in the glorious old metropolis of the Empire are looking forward to the welcome she intends to offer to the heroes when they come marching home.

No political cold water on that day: the Nation's heart will inspire the Nation's patriotism.

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