

the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, Sister Tutor, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Matron of the Accident Hospital, Birmingham.

She has served on the Panel of Examiners appointed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, has been Honorary Secretary of the Midland Group of the Association of Hospital Matrons, and a delegate to the National Council of Nurses.

In 1937, at the request of the Nuffield Trust, Miss Bonthron made a tour of hospitals and schools of nursing in Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

She is a State Registered Nurse, State Registered Fever Nurse, State Certified Midwife, holds the London University Diploma in Nursing, and has qualified in Housekeeping and Hospital Administration.

We learn from *The Canadian Nurse*, just to hand, that Miss Rae Chittick has been elected as President of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Born in Burgoyne, Ontario, Miss Chittick attended public and high school in Calgary. Following graduation from normal school, she taught for two years before entering the School of Nursing of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, whence she graduated in 1922.

After a year with the Victorian Order of Nurses in Victoria, B.C., Miss Chittick engaged in School Nursing with the Department of Education in Saskatchewan. In 1926 she returned to Calgary to become the Instructor in Health Education at the Provincial Normal School. She now holds the rank of Assistant Professor in Education at this same institution, which is now a branch of the University of Alberta.

Miss Chittick holds the degree of Bachelor of Science from Columbia University, New York, and Master of Arts from Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

She has served as Vice-President and President of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, as Honorary Secretary, and as First Vice-President of the Canadian Nurses' Association and is fully cognizant of the manifold problems confronting the Nursing Profession today.

We wish Miss Chittick a successful term of office.

AWARD FOR GALLANTRY.

The following citation is in connection with the award of the Additional Associate of the Royal Red Cross (Second Class) to Sister Edith Butlin, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve), which appears in the Supplement to the London Gazette dated August 29th, 1946:—

Mrs. Butlin was a civilian resident in Hong Kong at the time of the emergency, and being a trained nurse (ex-regular Q.A.I.M.N.S.) she joined the Nursing Detachment of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Later, after the death of her husband and the looting of her home, she transferred to the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve. Either in the H.K.V.D.C. (N.D.) or Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.) she served throughout the emergency and during the years of internment with the Army Nursing Service, doing whatever nursing duties her health would permit.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION APPEAL.

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LONDON, S.W.7.
September 1st, 1946.

To MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

DEAR MADAM,—We have to place before our members a scheme which the Executive Committee have been considering for the past few months. It will be remembered that our Settlement Home for retired members was very badly damaged indeed during the war and further deterioration ensued because it was not possible to have it occupied. War damage insurance will not therefore come near to meeting the cost of bringing the house back to its former condition. It is also felt that the district is no longer well suited for such a foundation, and there is a suggested possibility that legislation may arise which would result in our having to give up the freehold. It is therefore felt, after consideration, that the best course open to us is to acquire or build a new Home or small self-contained flats, but nothing definite can be decided as regards this until we know the amount of the funds available.

It is proposed that we establish the Home as a Memorial to work accomplished by nurses during the war. There were those who went at the call of duty and gave their lives on the seas and in lands far away, and there were nurse heroines at home as well, who made the supreme sacrifice, when tending their patients while thunderbolts of death fell around them. Everywhere the nurses came forward—some to work in the great military hospitals, others in general, and many other hospitals at home. There were those who were day by day among the poor under our widespread district nursing organisation or working from health centres of every kind. Into the schools they came with their knowledge and good will, into the chronic wards and the hospitals for mental cases, and we know of several who had reached their "allotted span" who did not find themselves too old to help and volunteered for the shelters where they worked throughout the whole war, without material reward. Even from our now-battered Settlement Home some found duties to be done in that bombed area. It is the work of them all that we seek to commemorate, and we feel that it will add to the pleasure the nurses will take in the Home to have it connected with this.

We shall be very grateful for all the help you may give us in subscriptions and in other ways that you may think of. One member has already said that she will organise a whist drive at her hospital; if groups or individual members in London care to organise something similar efforts we shall be glad to make the necessary rooms available at headquarters. We shall be pleased also to receive suggestions from members for promoting the scheme.—I am,

Yours sincerely

ISABEL MACDONALD, *Secretary*.

A small brochure has been printed giving the history of the first Settlement Home in the "Ancient Village of Hackney," a copy of which can be obtained on application to the Office of the Association.

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