

that everyone needs 5s. a week pocket-money; therefore a man or a woman with a retirement State pension of 26s. a week will pay 21s. and keep the odd 5s. People with less than 26s. a week will be referred to the National Assistance Board (the new name for a re-constituted Assistance Board) to have their income made up to that sum.

Blind, deaf, dumb, or crippled people may be looked after in the same way, as they need special care and cannot lead normal lives of their own; but the hotel or hostel will not be for the sick people who are the responsibility of the National Health Service.

Conditions.

Each hotel and hostel will contain a common dining hall, and there will be laundry and other services. Nurses will visit people needing periodical attention.

These sanctuaries, as they will be to many, will have none of the atmosphere of workhouses, charitable institutions or secluded retreats; all people will receive equal treatment.

The additional cost to the Exchequer of National Assistance and Non-Contributory Pensions will be in the region of 20 million pounds.

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THE FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE INC.

We have to thank Mrs. Mary Breckenridge, R.N. Director, for the Summer issue of *The Quarterly Bulletin* of the Frontier Nursing Service, Kentucky, U.S.A., which contains the Twenty Second Annual Report of the activities of this splendid service, founded "To safeguard the lives and health of mothers and children by providing and preparing trained nurse-midwives for rural areas in Kentucky and elsewhere, where there is inadequate medical service; to give skilled care to women in childbirth; to give nursing care to the sick of both sexes and all ages; to establish, own, maintain and operate hospitals, clinics, nursing centres, and midwifery training schools for graduate nurses; to educate the rural population in the laws of health, and parents in baby hygiene and child care; to provide expert social service; to obtain medical, dental and surgical services for those who need them at a price they can afford to pay; to ameliorate economic conditions inimical to health and growth, and to conduct research towards that end; to do any and all other things, in any way incident to, or connected with, these objects and, in pursuit of them; to co-operate with individuals and with organisations, whether private, state or federal; and through the fulfilment of these aims to advance the cause of health, social welfare and economic independence in rural districts with the help of their own leading citizens."

Hyden Hospital.

The hospital at Hyden was occupied 7,095 days last year by 799 patients with a daily average of 20.0 patients. When one stops to think that the hospital has only 18 ward beds and one isolation bed (in the Wee Stone House) and eight bassinets for the new born, one can easily see the dangerous overcrowding represented by a daily average of 20.0 patients.

Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery.

The Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery has two classes annually, each of six months duration, which start on October 15th and April 15th. During the past year 12 registered nurses were graduated from the school. The fourteenth class since the school opened in 1939 is now in attendance. When its work was completed on October 15th the school had sent 60 nurses, qualified as midwives and in the frontier technique, to serve quite literally all over the world. Graduates of the school are in a number

of States, in Puerto Rico and Alaska, and in various parts of Africa, China, India, and South America.

Midwifery—Registered Cases.

The nurse-midwives and the midwifery students of the Frontier Graduate School of Midwifery (under supervision of their instructors) delivered 456 women in childbirth, and gave them full prenatal and postpartum care. There were 454 live births and 8 stillbirths. There were 6 deliveries of twins. There were 412 new cases admitted and 447 closed after postpartum care. There was one miscarriage, and there were no maternal deaths.

We cannot do better than close this report with the motto of the Service:—

"He shall gather the lambs with His arms and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

OBITUARY.

Nurses will have learned, with regret, of the death of two men of wide and varied interests, yet intimately connected with the Nursing Profession.

Lieut.-General Sir Harold B. Fawcus, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L.C., M.B., died on October 24th, at the age of 71 years.

In 1923 he was appointed Hon. Physician to His Majesty the King, and he came into touch with nurses when, in 1929, he became Director-General of Army Medical Services; in 1934 he was appointed Secretary-General of the British Red Cross Society.

Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., came into contact with Sir Harold when he visited them at their own Headquarters, and when he conducted a party of them through the Duke-Fingard Inhalation Treatment Centre in Kensington, over which he presided, and explained to them details of the new treatment for the distressing disease of Asthma—a great advance for the benefit of mankind of the future.

His funeral service was held in the Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, and he has left behind him a legacy of hope for all classes of sufferers from respiratory diseases.

There passed away on November 4th the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., C.B., at the age of 77 years.

He was appointed Chairman of the British Red Cross Society in 1914, which position held grave responsibilities during the first World War.

In 1916 he accepted the first Chairmanship of the then College of Nursing, Ltd.

In 1917, he became Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, a position he held until 1943, despite great physical disability.

In 1932, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society, Sir Arthur Stanley was present at the Inaugural Meeting of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, and, with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, Dame Ellen Musson and Miss Helen Dey, was appointed a member of the first National Committee.

In spite of diversities of opinion, it may be said that the late Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Sir Arthur Stanley held each other in high esteem.

His funeral took place at Knowsley Parish Church, near Liverpool, and Memorial Services were held at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, and in the Chapel of St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

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