

In Console No. 2 (which is portable) are 678 stops with 150 pistons and cancels. The total number of speaking pipes in this one organ is 33,112 and its longest pipe is 64 feet and is two octaves deeper than the lowest "C" on a piano. The responsibility of keeping the giant organ and the ballroom miniature falls upon Mr. Roscoe C. Evans, organ expert of New York, Denver and Portland, Ore.

We have discovered Dame Kathrine Watt's little weakness! It is preserved ginger! At dinner on the *Queen Elizabeth*, on the very last night she was observed to be slyly emptying the few remaining pieces of candied ginger into a clean paper napkin, for transport to the Ministry of Health. We sincerely hope that Dame Kathrine enjoys her loot and that the days of preserved ginger for British nurses are not far distant.

The American nurses and citizens greatly admired our British tweeds. Over and over again we received congratulations on our pretty tweed suits. At one shop I was offered three pairs of shoes if I would leave my tweed coat behind!! Sir Stafford Cripps, take note!!

The New York Hospitality Committee, at 424, Madison Avenue, sent each British nurse a food parcel on leaving America. Our thanks and appreciation go out to the staff for their kindness and efforts on our behalf.

The crew of R.M.S. *Queen Elizabeth* were hospitality and kindness themselves to the English nurses. Drs. Maguire and Lawson gave various parties, and, with the nursing sisters, took us over the ship's hospitals and surgeries. Likewise the chief engineer, Mr. W. Harding, and the staff chief engineer, Mr. R. Forbes, and Mr. W. J. Joliffe, and Mr. V. MacLeod Phillips, pursers, and Mr. C. F. Kelty, chief steward—all gave parties and right royally entertained us whenever time and their duties permitted. We are indeed grateful for the courtesies of so many good friends. Long may the *Queen Elizabeth* sail the high seas!

Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., also gave the British nurses a party on the third evening out from New York. We had just escaped the languid heat of the Gulf Stream, and some of us who had been feeling unsafe inside were on the road to recovery. Dame Ellen's jolly party completed our cures, and we acknowledge our debt to her for a very happy two hours on board the *Queen Elizabeth*. G.M.H.

#### OVERHEARD ON THE "QUEEN ELIZABETH"

The dining room steward had a table of Americans with one little English Nurse. The Americans couldn't believe they were not the builders of so fine a ship as the *Queen Elizabeth*. When they were convinced, they immediately boasted in flowing terms of the glories and greatness of the *America*. On the last morning, the steward remarked slyly to the Americans, "Last trip, as we entered the Hudson river, we passed the *America*. We thought she was a tug come to pull us in."

The Americans are extremely proud of their efficiency. Said one to me "A man committed suicide yesterday by jumping from the top floor of the Empire State Building. As he passed the first floor, he was handed his life insurance policy."

## NURSING ECHOES.

The following telegram was despatched to Her Majesty Queen Mary, President, Queen Alexandra's Army Nursing Board, on the occasion of her birthday:—

THE MATRON-IN-CHIEF AND ALL MEMBERS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE, QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE RESERVE, AND TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE, BEG TO OFFER TO YOUR MAJESTY, THEIR PRESIDENT, RESPECTFUL AND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR BIRTHDAY.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

The following gracious reply was received:—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF, Q.A.I.M.N.S., WAR OFFICE.

MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TELEGRAM. I THANK YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE AND RESERVE AND TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE VERY WARMLY FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTS.

MARY R.

The National Union of Trained Nurses, in presenting the Report 1945—1946 (unavoidably delayed), announce that the Trustees of the Evelyn Mary Eden Memorial Benevolent Fund have, with the full agreement of the Somerset and Bristol Board of Administrative Trustees, requested the College of Midwives to administer on their behalf grants from this fund to members of the late N.U.T.N. Changes of address must be sent to 57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1.

The Trustees of the E. M. Eden Memorial Fund made a most generous grant in 1946, and it was possible to add to each applicant's grant a substantial gift. Very grateful letters have been received from all.

In future, applicants for grants from the E. M. Eden Memorial Fund must write to the Hon. Secretary, Benevolent Fund Committee, College of Midwives, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1, and they will receive the utmost consideration.

Applications for the Mariabella Fry Bequest should be addressed as usual to Miss M. C. Kennedy, 5, Osborn Road, Clifton, Bristol; also any changes of addresses.

It is with much regret that we have to report the death of Miss Rose Fry, one of the oldest members of the N.U.T.N. and an Administrative Trustee. She will be greatly missed by all.

The report presented by Miss Topping (general secretary) at the annual meeting of the Nurses' Christian Movement was full of encouragement. She told of new openings in many hospitals, new life and vigour in the branches, 750 new members during the year, and real responsiveness to the Christian message. This was true of hospitals throughout the country, but especially in London where much work had been done in preparation for the meetings of the Christian Commando Campaign. The foundations of the work had lain in the many prayer groups which had been started, over 20 in London alone.

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