

Nursing Echoes.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to send an annual subscription of £1,000 for 1949 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND has received a further instalment of £150,000 from the Nuffield Trust for the Special Areas. It will be recalled that in founding this Trust Lord Nuffield provided that any sums that might be available by way of repayment of loans or otherwise from his Trust for the Special Areas should pass to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

A total sum of £1,150,000 has now been received.

PENDING the building up of the Army Nursing Service to its peace-time establishment, a short service commission scheme is being introduced in the Q.A.R.A.N.C. as an interim measure.

Candidates, who must be British subjects of British parentage, and who must be on the General Register of the General Nursing Council, must normally be under the age of 35 years on the date of application, but consideration will be given in special cases up to the age of 40 years.

Candidates may elect to serve for a period of two, three or four years, after the satisfactory completion of which a gratuity will be granted at the rate of £50 for each full year of service.

Previous paid service, and recognised civilian service, will reckon for increments of pay.

Full particulars and forms of application may be obtained from the Matron-in-Chief, The War Office, A.M.D.4, 38, Hyde Park Gate, London, S.W.7. Envelopes should be endorsed "S.S.S. Type 'Q.'"

NURSING JOURNALS, from near and far, continue to reach the Editorial office of this Journal with great regularity, where a warm welcome always awaits them. Many pleasant hours are spent in their perusal, but alas! rarely do we find space to allude to them.

From Canada, U.S.A., South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as from this island, nursing news arrives, giving vivid descriptions of the lives and work of our colleagues throughout the world.

May we take this opportunity of sending our sincere congratulations to Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, that great pioneer in the foundation of the Frontier Nursing Service over twenty years ago. We have watched, with much interest, the growth of this truly humanitarian work amongst the mountains of Kentucky, and learned of the courage and devotion to duty of the members of this nursing service. The "Quarterly Bulletin" of the service never fails to arouse our pride in the profession we all serve, and its motto, "He shall gather the lambs with His arm and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young," we know so well.

The "International Nursing Bulletin," the official organ of the International Council of Nurses, is welcomed each quarter. In its blue cover, with a different national illustration each issue, it commands an honoured place amongst the nursing literature of the world.

"The London Hospital League of Nurses Review" is just to hand. Its pretty blue cover containing the badge of the Hospital is familiar to us all.

The activities of the League are reported within its pages; news of members of the League is recorded from various parts of the world, and illustrations are always of an excellent order.

Army Sisters' Memorial Fund.

THE Committee of the Army Sisters' Memorial Fund, at a meeting on December 15th, 1948, decided that grants of £45 each should be given to the following to attend the Interim Congress in Sweden in June: Senior Sister A. M. Hey, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Senior Sister E. M. Walsh, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Miss E. H. A. Luker, A.R.R.C.; Miss M. I. Simpson.

It was also decided to give a number of grants to ex-Q.A.I.M.N.S. and ex-T.A.N.S. officers who are taking courses this year. Applications, with full details of Army service and course, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Army Sisters' Memorial Fund, 20, John Islip Street, Millbank, S.W.1.

Forthcoming Lectures.

WE have pleasure in notifying our readers of some interesting lectures about to take place.

Neurological Nursing.

At the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, Dr. T. Purdon Martin will deliver a lecture on "Syphilis of the Central Nervous System," on February 7th; Dr. M. T. McArdle on "Polyneuritis," on February 14th; and Dr. M. Kremer on "Tumour of the Spinal Cord," on February 21st, all commencing at 6 p.m. Nurses will be very welcome.

Conference on B.C.G. Vaccination.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is arranging a conference on B.C.G. vaccination on February 25th, at 7 p.m., in the British Medical Association's Great Hall, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, in which it is hoped very many nurses will be interested and learn something of this work.

The National Council has asked the Norwegian Public Health nurse, chosen by the Norwegian President, to speak on the work which was done during the war in the Scandinavian occupied countries. Faced with the danger of the spread of tuberculosis on account of the malnutrition and overcrowding resulting from the war, pioneer work was done in preparing B.C.G. under conditions of secrecy and danger so that the most exposed groups of the population could be vaccinated against tuberculosis. As a result, the morbidity and mortality rates fell by 60-70 per cent. among the vaccinated groups.

The speaker will be supported by Dr. Frederick R. G. Heaf and Miss Thornhill, Matron of Brompton Hospital, who arranged a visit to Denmark from January 28th for three weeks to see the work that is being done with regard to B.C.G. vaccination there. Tickets, priced 2s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Miss Rowe, Executive Secretary, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1.

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