

distinguished volume, a manuscript register only is to be kept at the Council's office in London.

Nurse training-schools are, in future, to receive financial support as distinct from the hospitals. As the Ministry of Health gets all its money from the same source, *i.e.*, the taxpayers, this is only hairsplitting. Regional Hospital Boards are now empowered to set up training committees who will be responsible for the better education of nurses and who may set up experimental schools of nursing, and independent examination, charged again to the taxpayer. As student nurses now receive a generous training allowance, they could quite well contribute to their own education and thus relieve the hard-pressed general public a little.

The great tragedy in our profession at the moment is the indifference of Registered Nurses to their own interests. It is understandable, yet tragic, and until they band themselves together and speak firmly with one unanimous voice, there is no help for them. Numerically, Registered Nurses are strong enough to dictate their terms to Whitehall in no uncertain voice. They need not part with their Register if they wish to keep it.

It now remains to be seen whether the right type of wide-awake young woman will avail herself of these new favours and offer herself for training. If she is sensible she is bound to look to the years ahead of her luxury training, which will be the years of her active and, probably, life-long career. Will she be satisfied with what she sees? Are conditions for State-Registered Nurses commensurate with their duties and responsibilities?

Oh, for the Spirit of Ethel Gordon Fenwick.

G. M. H.

The Opening of Burleigh House.

THE "At Home" held on Thursday, May 19th, brought a most heartening occasion, when the Duchess of Marlborough, chairman of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, received the leading members of the Nursing Profession and other distinguished guests to celebrate the official opening of Burleigh House, the Student Residential Centre of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

We trust that students from many lands will greatly enjoy and benefit from their experience here.

Memorial to the late Miss Hillyers.

IT has been suggested that friends of the late Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, O.B.E., might like to contribute towards a memorial to her.

The form of memorial has not yet definitely been decided upon, but it is proposed that part of the funds collected should go towards the laying out of a garden at Burleigh House, as it was Miss Hillyers' great wish that this house should be a real home for international students taking post-graduate nursing courses. Part also of the memorial will probably take the form of something educational for the Nightingale Training School.

All contributions should be sent to Miss M. E. Gould, Hon. Treasurer, Gladys Hillyers' Memorial Fund, c/o Matron's Office, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.1, and, if desired, might be earmarked for either of the above.

Nursing Echoes.

THE following telegram was dispatched to Her Majesty Queen Mary, Commandant-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, on the occasion of her birthday:

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

MATRON-IN-CHIEF.

The following gracious reply was received:—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

MATRON-IN-CHIEF, WAR OFFICE.

DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

MARY R.

COMMANDANT-IN-CHIEF,

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 151 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 123 in England, 21 in Scotland, 5 in Wales, and 2 in Northern Ireland.

ON May 25th H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester and members of their suite, visited the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. Before proceeding to the wards they attended the Nurses' Prize Giving, Her Royal Highness presenting the prizes. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester paid tribute to the high standard reached in the training of nurses in the Infirmary from the foundation of its School of Nursing. It was that high standard, he said, that spread its fame throughout all parts of the world.

The principal prize winners were: Affleck Medal for "Distinction in Nursing," Mrs. C. D. Laughlin; Proxime accessit, Miss M. C. Nicoll; Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Nurses' League Prize for the best all round previously trained nurse, Miss E. M. Dixon; "Annie Warren Gill" Memorial Prize for the Theory and Practice of Dietetics, Miss M. S. Barr.

THE present Matrons-in-Chief of the three Services entertained past Matrons-in-Chief to Luncheon at the United Nursing Services Club on Tuesday, 10th May, 1949. Past Matrons-in-Chief who came were:—

Navy: Miss Annabella Ralph, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Doris Beale, D.B.E., R.R.C. *Air Force*: Dame Joanna M. Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Gladys Taylor, D.B.E., R.R.C. *Army*: Miss F. M. Hodgins, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss D. M. Martin, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Katharine H. Jones, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Louisa J. Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C.

Four past Matrons-in-Chief of both the Navy and Army were unable to be present, whilst the Air Force had only two absentees.

THE London Hospital League of Nurses will be holding a meeting for its members on Saturday, 25th June, and an interesting programme has been arranged for the day. There will be a lecture in the morning, which will be followed by a demonstration. A service will be held in

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