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THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

Under the name of the Nation's Fund for Nurses an Appeal
was launched in 1917-18, with the following objects:

1. The Endowment of the College of Nursing.
2. The raising of a Capital Sum—The Tribute Fund
—for the relief of sick nurses.

As the College of Nursing issues its own Report from
its Headquarters, 1a, Henrietta Street, W. 1, this Report
of the Nation's Fund for Nurses is confined to the
administration of the Tribute Fund and of certain
subsidiary Funds, the management of which has been
entrusted to the Committee. These Funds are as follows:

The Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses.

The Queen Alexandra Relief Fund for War Nurses.

The Church Nurses' Guild.

The Elderly Nurses' Fund.

TRIBUTE FUND REPORT.

JANUARY 1ST—DECEMBER 31ST, 1928.

“I know some of the work of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and I have the greatest admiration for the way in which it is administered, and for the benefit it has been to so many Nurses who badly required help. I went to see the Secretary of the Fund when I was in London in 1925, and I think it is one of the greatest things Great Britain has ever done for her Nurses.”

MISS B. ALEXANDER, R.R.C.,
Matron, General Hospital, Johannesburg, S.A.

THE Committee have pleasure in again presenting a Report recording increased activity and usefulness in the work of the Nation's Fund for Nurses and its subsidiary Funds, which form the largest and most important relief work for Nurses in the world.

The Report is of necessity merely a summary of results: it cannot convey in any detail the vast amount of personal work carried out during the year in the administration of the Fund. Each applicant has to be interviewed when possible, often on several occasions; much correspondence is required in every case, references have to be taken up, training verified, and frequently arrangements have to be made for the applicant, when living at a distance, to be visited and reported upon by the Matron of the nearest hospital or her representative. Special arrangements, such as the placing of Nurses in temporary or permanent Homes always involve much work and often the collection of several thousand votes. When it is realised that over 5,000 letters were received at the office and a corresponding number despatched during the past year, none of which were Circulars but all of them personal and individual letters, some idea will be given of the detailed work involved.

Many of the applicants are permanently incapacitated from work, and the Committee have to do their best to help them until such time as a pension or annuity can be secured for them. Generally speaking, the varied assistance given to nurses is with a view of enabling the recipients to resume their employment, but, unfortunately, in many cases this is not practicable, and it is then necessary to consider the best possible procedure for their future good.

A certain number are found to have a direct claim on Government, or on one or other of the Army Funds available at the moment for ex-service nurses. The Committee are in close touch with the Ministry of

Pensions, the United Services Fund for Nurses, the Junius Morgan Fund and other Organisations, and give every support to the claims of applicants.

The Committee of the Tribute Fund held 20 Meetings and dealt with 700 cases, of which 484 were already on the books and 216 were applications made for the first time. Of the new applications, 127 received monetary grants, 58 were referred to other Organisations, 11 were not within the scope of the Fund, 18 withdrew their applications, and 2 were found to be unsatisfactory.

SUMMARY:

Individuals assisted	-	-	-	364
No. of grants made	-	-	-	9,847
Representing (1) weekly grants	-	-	-	9,622
(2) special monetary grants	-	-	-	225
Hospital Treatment	-	-	-	21
Special Treatment	-	-	-	15
Spa Treatment	-	-	-	2
Convalescence	-	-	-	75
(Fees and fares paid with weekly grant for incidental expenses)	-	-	-	
Gifts of Clothing	-	-	-	56
Deaths	-	-	-	18

PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES.

The following Pensions and Annuities in the gift of the Committee have now been allocated:

Annie, Viscountess Cowdray	Two of £1 weekly
The Women's Emergency Corps	Five of 10/- weekly
The Sir Harry Lauder Pension	One of 28/10 weekly
The Mr. and Mrs. Fred. W. Fletcher	
Golden Wedding Gift Pension	One of £1 weekly
(The late) Mrs. A. J. Napier	One of 17/6 weekly
The Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray	One of 10/- weekly
The Hon. Clive and Mrs. Pearson	One of 10/- weekly
The Lady Denman, C.B.E.	One of 10/- weekly
Halifax Annuity	One of 10/- weekly
Herbert J. Carr, Esq.	One of 5/- weekly

The Committee would be very grateful for help with further pensions and annuities. Capital sums of £1,100 and £525 ensure weekly pensions of £1 and 10/- respectively.

During the year the Tribute Fund Committee has assisted in obtaining the following Special Grants, Pensions and Beds for Nurses:

Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association. Four Pensions of £26 per annum.

Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney. One Pension of £20 per annum and a gift of 337 Votes for another candidate, through the continued kindness of Miss C. May Beeman, C.B.E.

British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham. Two Beds, and one Pension of £20 per annum.

Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses. Annuity arranged.

King Edward VII. Memorial Homes for Nurses. A permanent Home for one Nurse secured and a special grant for furniture allowed. Six Nurses residing in these Homes receive weekly grants from the Fund.

Through the generosity of the Middlesex Hospital Student Nurses (per Miss Montgomery), a Rummage Sale provided a grant of 8s. 6d. weekly for one year to a Nation's Fund Nurse.

Appeal for
Votes and
Surgical Aid
Letters

The Committee earnestly appeal for Votes for the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, the Streatham Home for Incurables and the Putney Home for Incurables. Also for Surgical Aid Letters and Subscribers' Letters of admission to Convalescent Homes.

TYPICAL CASES ASSISTED.

A. Aged 61. Suffering from osteo-arthritis of hip and spine and chronic rheumatism. Quite unable to do any work: sole income 10s. weekly. The Committee are giving her a weekly grant until a bed is secured in a Home for Incurables.

B. Aged 61. Nursing for past forty years and now quite broken down in health and unable to continue work. Savings exhausted and solely dependent on National Health Insurance. The Committee are allowing a weekly grant.

C. Aged 53. Suffering from inoperable carcinoma of left breast. Has done excellent work for twenty-seven years. Quite unable to do any work and only means £40 savings. The Committee granted a pension to this nurse.

D. Aged 52. Suffering from neurasthenia and debility after operation for hysterectomy. Able to walk only a few yards unaided and requiring rest and change. The Committee made a suitable grant in order that this could be arranged satisfactorily.

E. Aged 79. Too frail to carry on work. Shares her home with a friend but has only her Old Age Pension. The Committee are allowing a weekly grant for an indefinite period.

F. Aged 39. Had been ill for some time with myocarditis. Was improving slowly but required seaside convalescence. Committee arranged a prolonged rest at Brighton, paying fares and fees.

G. Aged 35. Had to give up her post owing to a weak heart after influenza. Ordered complete rest for some weeks. No home and was dependent on earnings. Committee arranged necessary rest at Brighton, paying fees and fares.

H. Aged 49. Fractured humerus after serious motor accident, also neuritis. Has only National Health Insurance as income and has an invalid mother partially dependent on her. The Committee sent this nurse to a Cavell Home, with fares and fees allowed for six weeks and on leaving made a weekly grant for a further twenty-six weeks.

I. Aged 66. Suffering from failing sight and chronic nephritis also rheumatoid arthritis in knees. Only means National Health Insurance and a few shillings in Post Office. Committee are allowing a weekly grant for an indefinite period.

EXTRACTS FROM APPRECIATIVE LETTERS (1928).

. . . . Do please convey my heartfelt thanks for the allowance the Committee have made to Miss If only everyone could understand what a feeling of relief will come, for it will help to relieve and remove the abject feeling of dependence on relatives, however gracious their generosity. To have a Society like the Nation's Fund is worth having been a nurse and makes one appreciate to the full the kindness of the Committee and all concerned.

. . . . I do not know how to express my gratitude. I have to keep reading your letter to make sure I have read it rightly. I can hardly believe that I am to have such comfort and really *luxury*. Will you please tell your Committee that my gratitude to them is really deep gratitude from the bottom of my heart. I feel absolutely rich with such an allowance every week. I thank you too very, very much for your kindness to me and I am for ever yours most gratefully

. . . . I must write to tell you that during the past month I have felt life is now worth living. Your grant has made such a difference and given me not only the needful things but actually comfort and help. If I filled the whole page with words of thanks I could not express the gratitude I feel.

. . . . I enclose receipt for your wonderful gift. I am deeply grateful for the great kindness and the help which will enable me to take this rest free of all expense. I cannot tell you with what a grateful heart I write these words, which seem so inadequate.

. . . . You say in your letter that you are sure I shall be "pleased" to hear of your Committee's help for Miss I cannot say that "pleased" really expresses my feelings. I was overcome with joy when I read your kind letter and I do not know how to express my gratitude, but will you please understand that it cannot be expressed in words. I do think it most kind and generous of the Committee to have given this help. Now, I feel that she will have something to go on with week by week until further arrangements can be made for her future. Again, thank you and the Committee for the wonderful help.

. . . . Your kind letter received this morning with the cheque quite overwhelmed me, having come to a very low ebb in every way. It is with most grateful and heartfelt thanks I acknowledge your kind gift and goodness to me. Words fail to express my gratitude to you and the Committee.

. . . . May I again tender my very grateful thanks for that kindness which has been indeed a great boon to me. I am glad to say I am now in better health and have got a light post and hope more will follow. I am indeed truly thankful for this kind help over a difficult time.

. . . . I feel I cannot express my thanks to you and the Committee for your most generous and kind answer to my desperate appeal. I shall now be able to get some coal for my fire and clothing. Will you please give my most grateful thanks to the Committee for their kindness and may I thank you, too, for the prompt and courteous way in which you have lifted me out of my dread and misery.

. . . . Please convey my most grateful thanks to your Committee for this kind, generous grant to me. If you only knew what it means and what a load of care seems lifted. I have been afraid to have a fire as it seemed a luxury and the rent had to be paid. Now I cannot thank you enough for such kind interest. Please believe it is a very real comfort and help.

A glance at some of the excerpts from letters received from nurses will show how the work of the Tribute Fund is appreciated. We hope and believe that public sympathy will permit us to continue and extend this work, so invaluable to the Nursing Profession.

WINIFRED E. HALL,
Secretary.

A. COWDRAY,
Chairman.

THE NATION'S TRIBUTE TO NURSES IN IRELAND.

TENTH REPORT,

1st March to 31st December, 1928.

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting this Report and wish to emphasise the increasing demands which are being made on their resources and the growing need for more money to help to alleviate even in a small way the dreadful distress and misery which (through no fault of their own) have overtaken many of those who have worked for others all their lives and who gave of their best in fighting sickness and death.

The income available from investments (about £550 per annum) is totally inadequate for the Committee's requirements in dealing with the sometimes desperate appeals for help. The greatest care is taken in the expenditure and the management expenses, including printing and stationery, only amounted to £59 14s. 1d.

Many of the applicants are permanently unable to work and the Committee in one or two cases are obliged to assist until and after the Old Age Pension or other small pension is secured. Generally speaking assistance is given to enable the nurse to return to her work, but sometimes where this is utterly impossible owing to old age or illness other plans must be considered.

The Committee met nine times during the period covered by this report at 12, Merrion Square, Dublin (by kind permission of Lady Arnott) and forty-two nurses were helped. In fourteen cases monthly grants were given for varying periods from three to ten months and four of these were annuities. Four nurses were helped to go abroad and one enabled to take a long holiday in the South of Europe. Since the latter's return she has secured a responsible post and is now able to cope with all her hard work and is full of gratitude to the Fund which gave the necessary helping hand in her time of need.

The Committee again appeal for further help and contributions, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by:

The Chairman, Lady Arnott, D.B.E., 12, Merrion Square, Dublin.
The Hon. Treasurers, Sir John Lumsden, K.B.E., and Mr. Conrad Pim, and by the Secretary, 33, Molesworth Street, Dublin.
The Audited Accounts will be found on page 31.

THE ELDERLY NURSES' FUND.

In May, 1925, the Proprietors of the *Nursing Mirror* informed the Committee of the Nation's Fund for Nurses that they proposed to open through their columns a Fund for the immediate relief of those nurses who were ineligible for help from the Nation's Fund for Nurses owing to insufficient training, but whose record of practical service entitled them to consideration and sympathy in disablement or old age. In order to avoid the expense of setting up a new medium of distribution, and to co-relate the work with that of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, they proposed to hand over the money collected to that Fund for disbursement. The Committee of the Nation's Fund for Nurses gladly took charge of this supplementary Fund, with the result that the work has been carried on without any expense save that of postage. The first Committee Meeting to consider applications was held on September 22nd, 1925, and up to December 31st, 1928, the sum of £2,890 4s. 5d. was received and £2,743 8s. 11d. disbursed.

The Editor of the *Nursing Mirror* writes as follows:

"We are happy to be able to report that during the past year the sun of human sympathy and practical kindness has continued to shine upon the Elderly Nurses' Fund and to brighten the days of many a sick

or elderly nurse in poor circumstances. Readers of the *Nursing Mirror* have been so unfailingly generous in their support that in the twelve months of 1928 a sum of over One Thousand Pounds found its way to the offices of the paper at 24, Russell Square, W.C. 1. This sum was made up of donations varying in size from the self-imposed subscriptions of 3d. or more per week, sent in from time to time by readers, to the splendid donation of nearly £53 received from the Nursing Staff of Hammersmith Hospital as the result of their summer fête. Only slightly less in amount was the sum of £48 received much earlier in the year from the Sisters and Nurses of the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital and this was followed by many other large donations. Old friends continued to help us—Lady Cosmo Bonsor, a member of the Committee, continues her pension to one nurse and has made a gift of furniture, Miss Yemm of Devizes and Mrs. Beadford and Mrs. Gamm of Huddersfield again exerted themselves nobly on our behalf, while staunch supporters of the Fund have been the Matrons and Staffs of the Royal Halifax Infirmary and the Redhill Hospital at Edgware. For all this kindness we are extremely grateful but we feel, at the same time, that we must point out that the need for subscriptions is still a very urgent one. The money we receive is disbursed almost as fast as it can be collected and we feel sure that those who read the examples of cases which have been assisted will find their hearts touched so that our appeal for increased subscriptions and donations may not be made in vain."

The Committee held 20 meetings during the year and considered 268 cases of which 92 were new applications, 192 financial grants being given. In several cases the Committee agreed to pay over amounts ranging from £5 to £15 to the Lady Almoners of Hospitals, to the Charity Organisation Society or to the Clergy of the Parish in order that the money might be disbursed in weekly amounts, or as was found to be necessary. Five applicants were ineligible owing to entire lack of professional training and two were not within the scope of the Fund.

Nineteen nurses had convalescence arranged for them in Nursing Homes or Homes of Rest with fees and fares defrayed, and Hospital or Special Treatment was given to twelve applicants. Gifts of clothing were sent to twenty-four nurses.

The Proprietors of the *Nursing Mirror* are generously keeping the Fund open for as long as possible, knowing that there is a real need for this supplementary source of help, and subscriptions and donations are earnestly solicited.

The Audited Accounts will be found on page 29.

TYPICAL CASES ASSISTED.

A. Age 49. Maternity Nurse. Nursing for over twenty years, is suffering with chronic bronchitis and is unfit for work of any kind. For three years has been nursing her invalid mother, aged 80, whose only income is her Old Age Pension. Savings are now exhausted and the National Health Insurance is all that can be depended on. Miss A. must now enter a hospital for some special treatment and somebody must be engaged to look after her mother. These arrangements have been made possible for her by the Fund.

B. Age 62. District Nurse. Worked unceasingly from 1898-1927 when health broke down. Now suffers with severe bronchial asthma. Lives alone on a very small income with National Health Insurance. The Committee sent her for four weeks to a home at the sea, allowing her full fees and fares.

C. Age 55. Suffering from neurasthenia and entirely unfit for work at present. Has been ill since early in 1926 and savings are being reduced. Only income National Health Insurance. The Committee assisted her with money to enable her to recover and to try to resume work.

D. Age 46. Fever Nurse. Suffering with acute rheumatoid arthritis. In hospital for treatment for over twelve weeks. Entirely dependent on earnings. The Committee arranged Convalescence for six weeks and paid all fees.

E. Age 46. Fever Nurse. Widow, with two children dependent, after husband's death in 1926. No income and no relatives able to help. Suffers from anæmia and is so weak as to be unable to work at present. The Committee allowed financial help until she could resume work.

F. Age 36. Maternity Nurse. Suffering with extensive cellulitis of the breast, very weak and unable to work for some weeks. Had six operations. Very sad case, as little headway was being made, but the Committee are giving all possible help, and the doctors are now hopeful for a cure.

EXTRACTS FROM APPRECIATIVE LETTERS (1928).

Will you please accept this small donation for the Elderly Nurses' Fund? I have received so much help from it and derived great benefit and I feel that I should like to do something to swell the funds even though it is such a small amount. I have now held my post for six months and like the work very much indeed. My health is not perfect yet and I have once or twice been off duty but am better again. I can never, never thank you sufficiently for all your wonderful kindness to me when I was unable to work.

I do not know how to thank you all for the very kindly grant and all the sympathetic help I have received. Will you please give the Committee my most grateful thanks for their generous goodness. It has enabled me to have all the food I need and also coals which I could not possibly have secured without it. Thank you also sincerely for the lovely parcel of clothing which I wanted badly. Trusting some other nurse will be cheered and helped and comforted as I have been I repeat my earnest thanks.

We are both so touched and pleased with your beautiful letter with enclosure just received and we do not know how to thank you in the way we should like. It has indeed brought cheer and happiness, not only the lovely gifts, but to know of all the kind hearts and warm sympathy that prompted the sending. Will you please thank the Committee for us very much and we thank you too, for all you have done. We have very grateful hearts.

I wish to thank you all very much for the lovely grant you have sent to me from your Fund. I am deeply grateful for the very kind and generous help and to all those who have given their money to be of use to others. I hope to be able to work again and do something for nurses who are ill and unfortunate. I am thankful to say that I am feeling much better now and this kind help is such a relief to my mind. With most grateful thanks again.

Will you and your Committee please accept my most grateful and sincere thanks for the cheque which I received this morning and all your kindness. The money will be the greatest help to me. I am so hoping after my operation to work again and I also hope to send some day a contribution in heartfelt gratitude to your Elderly Nurses' Fund.

I beg to acknowledge your letter and cheque with most grateful thanks. I cannot say what I feel or how thankful I am but it has taken a great load of worry from me. I was afraid I should have to give up my home for which I have had a great struggle. Now all is well, and again thanking you very much indeed for your wonderful kindness to me.

THE EDITH CAVELL HOMES OF REST FOR NURSES.

A Summary of the work of these Homes is given here, but the full Report with Balance Sheet is published separately and can be obtained from the Secretary, 32, North Audley Street, W. 1.

There are four Homes under the administration of the Council, containing thirty-six beds. These Homes are situated at Haslemere, Surrey; West Norwood, London; Windermere in the Lake District; and Brighton. This new seaside Home has been made possible by the generosity of Lady Cowdray. It was opened on 1st July, 1928, and since that date to 31st December, fifty-two nurses have enjoyed its benefits. It will be seen that the Homes offer varied attractions to the practising women nurses and probationers for whom they were established as a permanent tribute to the memory of Nurse Edith Cavell.

During the year 130 nurses visited Coombe Head, Haslemere; 155 The Crossways, Windermere and 151 were received at The Hollies, West Norwood. The duration of visits averaged three weeks and the many expressions of gratitude received testify to the benefit and pleasure which nurses derive from them.

THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA RELIEF FUND FOR WAR NURSES.

The work of the Queen Alexandra Relief Fund has been carried on satisfactorily during the year. There are fourteen pensioners under the Fund, each pension amounting to £26 per annum. These pensions are confined to ex-service nurses.

The Accounts, which are gratuitously audited by Messrs. Blackburns, Barton, Mayhew & Co., will be found on page 32.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND NURSES' GUILD.

The administration of this Fund is vested in the Council of the Nation's Fund for Nurses at the request of the Charity Commissioners and the disbursement of the small income derived from invested monies held by the Official Trustees is undertaken by the Tribute Fund Committee. During the past year, in accordance with the terms of the Trust, it has been used to provide a month's convalescence for one nurse.

The Audited Accounts will be found on page 30.

SEASIDE COTTAGE, BONCHURCH.

This Home of Rest, which was presented to the College of Nursing through the efforts of the Nation's Fund Committee, assisted by Sir John and Lady Martin-Harvey, has been an invaluable auxiliary to the work of the Nation's Fund. The Home is not confined to members of the College of Nursing but is open to all fully trained nurses, applications being made to the Secretary of the Nation's Fund for Nurses.

The Home was closed for cleaning and general repairs during the months of February and March but was re-opened on April 2nd.

During the year 181 guests were received, a large number taking advantage of the Home to enjoy the summer holiday months, whilst in the autumn and winter many came to recuperate after illness. It is gratifying to know that all were able to return to duty with renewed health after receiving the care and kindness which Miss Burgess, the Matron, always lavishes so untiringly and lovingly on those who visit the Home.

Once again our ever-generous friend, Lady Martin-Harvey, has continued her interest in the Home by defraying the fees of eight guests to the amount of £46, a practical kindness which is deeply appreciated.

The Annual Sale of Work, organised by Miss Kate Wyatt and Miss Burgess, was held at St. Andrew's Court House on December 6th and realised the splendid sum of £92. This has been utilised to replenish

linen, and provide new beds with many other comforts. Most grateful thanks are due to the Rev. Edwin and Mrs. Bedford for once again allowing this Sale to be held at St. Andrew's and to Miss Kate Wyatt and the members of her family who always help so generously, not only by collecting goods and money, but by bringing so many of their own friends to buy.

Renewed thanks are due to our loyal friends Dr. Bassano, Mr. Bevan and many others who take such continuous interest in the Home and the welfare of the guests.

GENERAL REPORT.

It gives the Committee great pleasure to acknowledge the following special donations:

Donations

- £50 from Annie, Viscountess Cowdray, Donation for hire of window on behalf of the South London Hospital for Women (included in accounts under "Rent Receivable").
- £25 from The Lady Denman, C.B.E.
- £10 10s. from Lady Cosmo Bonsor.
- £52 10s. from Sir Cosmo Bonsor.
- £20 Anon. per the Charity Organisation Society.
- £20 from the Worshipful Company of Grocers.
- £200 from the Trustees of the late Miss Dinah Dawson, available for Nurses in the vicinity of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Falkirk. Eight nurses are now benefiting by this Grant.
- £19 4s. 11d. from E. Knoblock, Esq. (Royalties on Play "War Committee"), per Miss Lilian Braithwaite.
- £10 from Miss Ryan in memory of Miss Wallace.
- £15 from the Committee of the Nation's Tribute to Nurses, Ireland.

Nurses' Collections

- £9 14s. 4d. from Archer House, Ramsgate, per Miss Baker.
- £3 1s. from General Hospital, Ramsgate, per Miss Kennedy.
- £10 from Chelsea Hospital Nurses' Club, per Miss Redl.
- £5 5s. 7d. from Nursing Staff, Halifax Royal Infirmary.
- £10 from Chesterfield Branch, College of Nursing.
- £1 from East Kent Branch, College of Nursing.
- £15 15s. from Leeds Unit, Student Nurses' Association, College of Nursing.

Honorary Solicitor

The Committee have again to thank Mr. Hancock, of Messrs. Hancock and Willis, 1, Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, for professional advice and much kind help during the year.

Thanks to Helpers

The Committee wish to express grateful thanks to all those who have assisted in carrying on the work of the Fund, especially to the

members of the Tribute Fund Committee for their untiring help and to those ladies who have visited cases at a distance. The Secretary herself pays visits wherever practicable, but owing to the increasing mass of correspondence and of applications for personal interviews at the office, it is frequently impossible for her to do so, and other arrangements have to be made.

Thanks are due to Miss May Beeman for her generous help in securing a Pension of £20 per annum from the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney. Also to Miss Redl, Matron of Brompton Hospital, for constant kindness in securing votes for the R.U.K.B.A.

The Committee regret to report the resignations of Miss Girdlestone Resignations from the Tribute Fund Committee and Lady Baring, M.B.E., from the Council.

The Committee report with profound sorrow the loss by death of Deaths three Members of Council who have been connected with the work since its inception, the Countess of Bective, Lady Sheffield and Miss J. Melrose, R.R.C., formerly Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. All will be greatly missed, particularly Lady Sheffield, who, as a Member of the Executive Committee, gave untiring and invaluable help for many years.

We hope that a perusal of this Report will encourage those who have so generously supported the work in the past to continue their help and that it may be an inducement to others to join in our earnest endeavour to improve the condition of nurses who are ill or in need of assistance.

WINIFRED E. HALL,
Secretary.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.
DONATIONS, YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1928.

Tribute Fund.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
A Friend of all Nurses	13	0	0
Anon. (per Miss Redl)	5	0	0
Bonsor, Sir Cosmo	52	10	0
Charity Organisation Society (earmarked)	20	0	0
Chelsea Hospital Nurses' Club (per Miss Redl)	10	0	0
Chesterfield Branch, College of Nursing (per Mrs. Frost)	10	0	0
Dawson, Trustees of the late Miss Dinah	200	0	0
Denman, The Lady, C.B.E.	25	0	0
East Kent Branch, College of Nursing (per Miss Phillips)	1	0	0
Edmondson, Miss, R.R.C.	3	0	0
Grocers, Worshipful Company of	20	0	0
Guinness, Lady Evelyn	2	2	0
Halifax Royal Infirmary, Nursing Staff (per Miss Hills)	5	5	7
Inness, Miss D.		10	0
Leeds Student Nurses' Association (per Miss Innes)	15	15	0
Lloyd Still, Miss, C.B.E., R.R.C.	2	2	0
Nation's Tribute to Nurses, Dublin (Irish Branch, N.F.N.) (per Miss Pim)	15	0	0
Pare, Miss D.	1	0	0
Parkin Moore, Miss	1	1	0
Ryan, Miss (In memory of Miss Wallace)	10	0	0
Smaller amounts	1	3	0
	£413	8	7

DONATIONS AND COLLECTIONS, YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1928.

General Fund.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
*A. Z. E.	5	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
*Balfour, Lady Robert	2	2	0
*Bonsor, Lady Cosmo	10	10	0
Braithwaite, Miss Lilian (per)	19	4	11
*Cadbury, Mrs. George, M.A., C.B.E.	2	2	0
*Edmonds, Mrs. and Miss	2	2	0
*Hare, Maj.-Gen. Sir S. W., K.C.M.G., C.B.	1	0	0
*Hewer, Mrs. A.		10	6
*Jervis, Miss	1	0	0
*Johnson, Mrs. Fielding	5	0	0
*Lee, Miss K. E.	2	2	0
*Melly, Mrs. H.	1	1	0
*Nettlefold, Miss	2	2	0
*Rimmer, Miss D.	2	2	0
*Rimmer, Miss F.	2	0	0
Sheffield, The Lady (the late)	2	0	0
*Toller, Mrs.	2	2	0
	£63	0	5

Collections. General Fund.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Archer House, Ramsgate (per Miss Baker)	9	14	4
Ramsgate General Hospital (per Miss Kennedy)	3	1	0
	£12	15	4

* Annual.

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1928.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
THE DUNECHT AND PADDOCKHURST PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	2,200	0	0				
Income Account ...	18	6	8				
	2,218			6	8		
THE DENMAN PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	500	0	0				
Income Account ...	4	3	4				
	504			3	4		
THE COWDRAY PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	525	0	0				
Income Account ...	6	14	0				
	531			14	0		
THE PARHAM PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	525	0	0				
Income Account ...	4	6	8				
	529			6	8		
WOMEN'S EMERGENCY CORPS PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	2,767	8	8				
Income Account ...	11	10	11				
	2,778			19	7		
THE HALIFAX (YORKS.) PENSION FUND—							
Balances at 31st December, 1928:							
Capital Account ...	504	9	6				
Income Account ...	4	3	4				
	508			12	10		
Carried Forward	£7,071			3	1		
ASSETS.							
THE DUNECHT AND PADDOCKHURST PENSION FUND—							
£2,750 4% Funding Loan ...	2,200	0	0				
Interest accrued thereon ...	18	6	8				
	2,218			6	8		
THE DENMAN PENSION FUND—							
£625 4% Funding Loan ...	500	0	0				
Interest accrued thereon ...	4	3	4				
	504			3	4		
THE COWDRAY PENSION FUND—							
£702 15s. 10d. 3½% Conversion Stock ...	525	0	0				
Interest accrued thereon ...	6	3	0				
Cash at Bank ...	11	0	0				
	531			14	0		19
THE PARHAM PENSION FUND—							
£650 4% Funding Loan ...	520	0	0				
Interest accrued thereon ...	4	6	8				
Cash at Bank ...	5	0	0				
	529			6	8		
WOMEN'S EMERGENCY CORPS PENSION FUND—							
£2,767 8s. 8d. 5% War Stock, 1929/47 ...	2,767	8	8				
Interest accrued thereon ...	11	10	7				
Cash at Bank ...	4	0	0				
	2,778			19	7		
THE HALIFAX (YORKS.) PENSION FUND—							
£625 4% Funding Loan ...	500	0	0				
Interest accrued thereon ...	4	3	4				
Cash at Bank ...	4	9	6				
	508			12	10		
Carried Forward	£7,071			3	1		

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				7,071	3	1
THE MR. AND MRS. FRED. W. FLETCHER GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT PENSION FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	1,000	0	0			
Income Account ...	6	9	2			
				1,006	9	2
THE HERBERT J. CARR PENSION FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	250	0	0			
Income Account ...	2	16	11			
				252	16	11
THE SIR HARRY LAUDER PENSION FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	1,544	15	2			
Income Account ...	22	9	5			
				1,567	4	7
THE LATE MRS. A. J. NAPIER PENSION FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	919	4	11			
Income Account ...	1	8	8			
Due to Tribute Fund ...	1	17	2			
				922	10	9
TRIBUTE FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	92,205	8	1			
Income Account ...	538	16	5			
Due to General Fund ...	8	8	3			
				92,752	12	9
Carried Forward	£103,572	17	3			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				7,071	3	1
THE MR. AND MRS. FRED. W. FLETCHER GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT PENSION FUND—						
£992 8s. 5d. 5% War Stock 1929/47 ...	1,000	0	0			
Interest accrued thereon ...	4	2	8			
Cash at Bank ...	2	6	6			
				1,006	9	2
THE HERBERT J. CARR PENSION FUND—						
£248 1s. 0d. 5% War Stk., '29/47	250	0	0			
Interest accrued thereon ...	1	0	7			
Cash at Bank ...	1	16	4			
				252	16	11
THE SIR HARRY LAUDER PENSION FUND—						
£1,500 5% War Stock, '29/47	1,501	11	1			
Interest accrued thereon ...	6	5	0			
Cash at Bank ...	59	8	6			
				1,567	4	7
THE LATE MRS. A. J. NAPIER PENSION FUND—						
£915 5% War Stock, 1929/47	918	14	6			
Interest accrued thereon ...	3	16	3			
				922	10	9
TRIBUTE FUND—						
Investments in Government and other Securities ...	89,750	5	2			
Interest accrued thereon ...	1,728	3	4			
Amount due from Commissioners of Inland Revenue	404	8	0			
Due from Napier Fund ...	1	17	2			
Cash at Bank ...	867	19	1			
				92,752	12	9
Carried Forward	£103,572	17	3			

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				103,572	17	3
GENERAL FUND—						
Balances at 31st December, 1928:						
Capital Account ...	1,112	9	8			
Income Account ...	198	19	11			
				1,311	9	7
COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD. SICK INSURANCE BENEVOLENT FUND—						
Balance at 31st December, 1928				640	2	1
				£105,524	8	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				103,572	17	3
GENERAL FUND—						
Investments:—						
£750 4% Funding Loan ...	600	0	0			
£66 2s. 9d. 5% War Stock, 1929/47	63	18	0			
Interest accrued thereon ...	5	5	6			
Amount due from Commissioners of Inland Revenue	6	0	0			
Office Equipment:						
At 1st Jan., 1928	£45	12	0			
Additions during yr.	7	15	0			
	53	7	0			
Less: Depreciation	9	2	5			
				44	4	7
Amounts prepaid ...	28	12	6			
Due from Tribute Fund ...	8	8	3			
Due from Elderly Nurses' Fund	3	17	1			
Cash at bank and in hand ...	588	1	1			
				1,348	7	0
Less: Sundry Creditors	36	17	5			
				1,311	9	7
COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD. SICK INSURANCE BENEVOLENT FUND—						
£700 3½% Conversion Loan	534	3	6			
Interest accrued thereon ...	6	2	6			
Cash at Bank	£101	14	8			
Less Due to Commissioners of Inland Revenue	1	18	7			
				99	16	1
				640	2	1
				£105,524	8	11

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ARTHUR STANLEY, *Chairman.*
A. COWDRAY, *Hon. Treasurer.*

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Fund and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Fund. The Cash Balances and Securities have been verified. No value is attached in the above Balance Sheet to the Furniture presented to the Fund.

106, ST. CLEMENT'S HOUSE,
CLEMENT'S LANE, LOMBARD STREET, E.C. 4.

HOMERSHAM & CO.,
Incorporated Accountants.

16th April, 1929.

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.
WOMEN'S EMERGENCY CORPS PENSION FUND.

Donors: THE WOMEN'S EMERGENCY CORPS.

		INCOME	CAPITAL			INCOME	CAPITAL
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants—1 Pension of £52 per annum and 3 Pensions of £26 per annum ... „ Special Grants ... „ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928	130 0 0 8 7 6 11 10 11 2,767 8 8	11 10 11 138 7 6 11 10 11	2,767 8 8 ... 2,767 8 8
		<u>£149 18 5</u>	<u>£2,767 8 8</u>			<u>£149 18 5</u>	<u>£2,767 8 8</u>

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THE HALIFAX (YORKS.) PENSION FUND.

Donors: THE PEOPLE OF HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

		INCOME	CAPITAL			INCOME	CAPITAL
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grant—1 Pension of £25 per annum ... „ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928	25 0 0 4 3 4	... 504 9 6	4 3 4 25 0 0	504 9 6 ... 504 9 6
		<u>£29 3 4</u>	<u>£504 9 6</u>			<u>£29 3 4</u>	<u>£504 9 6</u>

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

THE MR. AND MRS. FRED. W. FLETCHER GOLDEN WEDDING GIFT PENSION FUND.

Donors: MR. AND MRS. FRED. W. FLETCHER.

		INCOME	CAPITAL			INCOME	CAPITAL
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grant—1 Pension of £52 per annum ... „ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928	52 0 0 6 9 2	... 1,000 0 0	8 16 8 49 12 6	1,000 0 0 ... 1,000 0 0
		<u>£58 9 2</u>	<u>£1,000 0 0</u>			<u>£58 9 2</u>	<u>£1,000 0 0</u>

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THE HERBERT J. CARR PENSION FUND.

Donor: HERBERT J. CARR, ESQ.

		INCOME	CAPITAL			INCOME	CAPITAL
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grant ... „ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928	12 8 0 2 16 11	... 250 0 0	2 16 11 12 8 0	250 0 0 ... 250 0 0
		<u>£15 4 11</u>	<u>£250 0 0</u>			<u>£15 4 11</u>	<u>£250 0 0</u>

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.
THE SIR HARRY LAUDER PENSION FUND.
Donor: SIR HARRY LAUDER.

	INCOME	CAPITAL		INCOME	CAPITAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grant—1 Pension of £75 per annum ...	75 0 0		By Balances of Fund, 1st January, 1928 ...	22 9 5	1,544 15 2
„ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928 ...	22 9 5	1,544 15 2	„ Interest received and accrued on Investments ...	75 0 0	
	£97 9 5	£1,544 15 2		£97 9 5	£1,544 15 2

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THE MRS. A. J. NAPIER PENSION FUND.
Donors: THE EXORS. OF THE LATE MRS. A. J. NAPIER.

	INCOME	CAPITAL		INCOME	CAPITAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grant—1 Pension of £45 15s. per annum ...	45 15 0		By Balances of Fund, 1st January, 1928 ...	1 8 8	919 4 11
„ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928 ...	1 8 8	919 4 11	„ Interest received and accrued on Investments ...	45 15 0	
	£47 3 8	£919 4 11		£47 3 8	£919 4 11

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.
TRIBUTE FUND.

	INCOME	CAPITAL		INCOME	CAPITAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Relief of Nurses ...	4,942 12 8		By Balances of Fund, 1st January, 1928 ...	310 16 10	92,205 8 1
Less: Special Pensions:			„ Donations ...	413 8 7	
Dunecht and Pad-			„ Interest received and accrued on Investments and Deposit Account ...	4,973 3 2	
dockhurst Fund £110 0 0					
Denman Fund ... 25 0 0					
Cowdray Fund ... 24 10 0					
Parham Fund ... 26 0 0					
Women's Emerg-					
ency Corps Fund 138 7 6					
Halifax (Yorks.)					
Fund ... 25 0 0					
Fletcher Fund ... 52 0 0					
Carr Fund ... 12 8 0					
Lauder Fund ... 75 0 0					
Napier Fund ... 45 15 0					
	534 0 6				
	4,408 12 2				
„ Grant to General Fund ...	750 0 0				
„ Balances of Fund, 31st December, 1928 ...	538 16 5	92,205 8 1			
	£5,697 8 7	£92,205 8 1		£5,697 8 7	£92,205 8 1

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THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.—SICK INSURANCE BENEVOLENT FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Grants to Nurses ...	58 3 0		By Balance of Fund, 1st January, 1928 ...
„ Balance of Fund, 31st December, 1928 ...	640 2 1		„ Interest received and accrued on Investments, less Tax ...
	£698 5 1		£698 5 1

The following FORM OF BEQUEST is respectfully recommended to those who may desire to support this Fund.

I give and bequeath unto the Nation's Fund for Nurses the sum of £.....(free of duty), and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of such Institution shall be a valid receipt for the said legacy.

NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES

(REGISTERED UNDER THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1916.)

Offices : 32, NORTH AUDLEY STREET, W. 1.

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I am willing to contribute the sum of £
to the above Fund, as under :—

Annual Subscription £ : :

Donation £ : :

Name

Address

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ANNIE, VISCOUNTESS COWDRAY,
32, North Audley Street,
W. 1.

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