

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The Queen is appealing for continued support for her Needlework Guild, which has in the last twenty-six months sent out the splendid total of 3,990,784 garments as additional comforts for sailors and soldiers at home and abroad. The chief needs of the moment are mittens, mufflers, helmets, socks, gloves and cardigans, and the Guild is also being asked for pyjamas, day shirts, bed jackets, blankets and sheets.

The King and Queen have paid a visit to St. Mary's Russian Hospital for British Officers, at 8, South Audley Street, Mayfair, where the Union Jack, Russian Ensign, and the Red Cross flag were flying over the building. Their Majesties inspected the wonderfully appointed wards and operating theatre, attended by M. and Madame Muravieff Apostol, Miss Piper (the Matron), and Drs. May and Ware, and expressed warm approval of all they saw.

Their Majesties have also visited the sick and wounded at the Maudsley Hospital, Extension, 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill; and the No. 4 Division Croydon War Hospital, at Thornton Heath.

The address of the Wounded Allies' Relief Committee is changed to 8, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W., lent to the Committee by Lord Ilchester.

The sum of £250 has been given by Mr. E. C. de Fonseka, a resident in Ceylon, for the purpose of building a room in the Star and Garter Home.

ROLL OF HONOUR DAY.

Queen Alexandra has consented to become patron of the Roll of Honour Day, which is fixed for November 7th, in aid of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund, which is being devoted to the relief of disabled officers and men of the Army and Navy.

The main source of revenue will be from the sale of flags and enamelled badges bearing a miniature portrait of Lord Kitchener, together with a coloured memorial card containing, in addition to a striking likeness, reproductions of many scenes with which his soldier life was associated. These are being printed by the million.

KITCHENER OF KHARTOUM.

Some murmur that no stately pageant led
Your farewell progress thro' our stricken lands
To some great temple where the noble dead
Receive full honours from a nation's hands.
Or that no sentinel of homeland yew
Chequers the grass athwart your well earned sleep,
But only from the night time's darkening blue
Squadrons of stars may guard you through the
deep!

What matter since in ev'ry English breast
You have your unforgotten place of rest.

—C. B. M.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

AMENDED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The profession is aware that for some months negotiations have taken place between the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, which has advocated this reform for six years, and the College of Nursing, Ltd., which has accepted the principle of registration by the State, instead of a voluntary system, since incorporation six months ago.

So far the negotiations have not resulted in a conjoint Bill, as certain principles, as supported by the Central Committee, have not been accepted by the Council of the College.

The Central Committee has therefore amended its own Bill, incorporating as far as possible such clauses as have been agreed upon between the two bodies. The two most important principles which the Central Committee maintains are: (1) That the General Nursing Council shall be the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession, that it shall be a "Central Body appointed by the State," as recommended by the Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1905, and not the College of Nursing, Ltd., incorporated by Act of Parliament; and (2) That after a three years' term of grace, a nurse to qualify for registration must have had not less than three years' training, under a definite curriculum prescribed by the Council in the wards of a hospital or hospitals approved by the Council . . . and that such person must have passed such an examination as the Council may prescribe. Thus (1) provides for an independent Governing Body for the Nursing Profession analogous to the General Medical Council for the medical profession; and (2) for a definite curriculum and term of hospital training, and for admission to the Register after a Central Examination—the One Portal system which is calculated to prevent privilege and monopoly amongst favoured Nurse Training Schools.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The Nurses Bill contains in Clause 4 the detailed constitution of the General Nursing Council as follows:—

4.—(1) The Council shall consist of thirty-three persons to be appointed or elected as follows:—

(a) Three persons to be appointed by the Privy Council.

(b) Three registered medical practitioners, one to be appointed by the Local Government Board for England, one by the Local Government Board for Scotland, and one by the Local Government Board for Ireland;

(c) Three registered medical practitioners to be appointed by the British Medical Association, one

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