

are already organising their new campaign, and that they have got together £40,000 to start it. That is tip-top news.

A "Supper" was given in honour of Miss Adelaide Nutting at the Cosmopolitan Club, New York, on November 17th, to which Miss Kent and Miss Hulme were invited. Of course, they found it a most interesting occasion, and they were delighted to note in what high esteem and affection Miss Nutting is held, and how greatly her constructive professional policy is valued by men as well as women. Miss Kent made an admirable speech, proving that we too on this side are inspired with professional zeal—a speech which was handsomely acknowledged. A meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses will be held in London in January to welcome home the two delegates and to receive their reports.

The application on the part of women teachers for leave of absence for war nursing would be more patriotic if they did not usually demand that the amount of their full salaries should be made up to them. It means that as absolutely unskilled workers, presumably working as probationers, they are to be paid by the State salaries far in excess of thoroughly trained hospital Sisters! In our opinion this is a scandalous waste of public money which should at once be exposed and stopped. If teachers wish to leave the duties for which they are trained and paid by the State, they should also be made to leave their salaries, and accept the remuneration offered for unskilled probationers in military hospitals. These, in all conscience, are on an extravagant scale, especially when sent on duty abroad. Working abroad, these untrained women are costing the nation at the annual rate of £130 apiece. To meet such finance, trained nurses earning by very hard work anything over the same sum are to be heavily taxed. We need a few nursing economists in the War Office!

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation was held on Tuesday last at 2, Cavendish Square, W., the Central Depot, Surgical Branch, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, was in the Chair.

The Annual Report was presented by Colonel Tooth (R.A.M.C., T.F.), and referred to the effects of the war on the Co-operation. Those men who were reservists had been called up for service, with a consequence that the Co-operation was depleted, and now had only 15 instead

of 40 nurses. As the Co-operation was largely maintained by the commission paid by its members, it has suffered seriously financially. Also in past years it had received financial help from the Admiralty and the War Office, but it had now been notified that unless it was on the verge of bankruptcy it must not expect this. That was not the case, as they had kept the flag flying in these lean years.

The Committee had received grateful testimony as to the character and conduct of the nurses. They only had one type of male nurse, the very best.

Sir Dyce Duckworth, who moved the adoption of the report, said that we lived in days of chastisement and depression, and the Committee were carrying on the work with a diminished service of nurses, but it was not in debt. Nursing taught and carried on without discipline was worse than useless. The men of the Co-operation had passed through the severe discipline of the Navy and Army. They had the pick of the basket, and the men were meeting a real need. The Co-operation did not advertise, and the Admiralty and War Office said they must not expect help unless bankruptcy stared them in the face. That was not the case. They were not going to allow Germany to close them up, but to carry on with British tenacity.

Lieut.-Colonel Wilson said that it had been stated that the departments concerned could not help them, but he had a cheque for £5 in his pocket, and he had no doubt there was more where that came from. There was no such training for male nurses as that given in the R.A.M.C. The men had three years' consecutive training, with examinations at the end of their first and second years.

Lieut.-Colonel Amour said that the Co-operation was still solvent. The receipts were £2,480 6s. 2d. for the year, and there was a balance in hand of £15 4s. 7d. Their only source of income was by letting rooms.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Princess and the artists, and then a musical programme of an exceptionally high quality was enjoyed. M. Oumiroff sang some Russian songs divinely, and Miss Dorothy Manville's dancing and whistling were very clever.

Tea was afterwards served at small tables in the tea room.

HONOURS FOR WOMEN.

In the Place d'Armes, Versailles, Mlle. Emilienne Moreau, a girl of eighteen, was last Saturday decorated with the Croix de Guerre, before the troops of the garrison and the British

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