

THE STATE REGISTRATION CONFERENCE.

No report of the proceedings of the Conference between the representatives of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses and the College of Nursing, Ltd., held on the 19th inst., will be published during the deliberations.

We learn that in response to the invitation of the College of Nursing to Hospital Committees and Boards of Guardians, to appoint representatives on a Consultative Board—which is to express an opinion on the training and educational curriculum for the Nursing Profession, and the recognition of nursing schools—lay men and women are of course being nominated, in preference to the Matron whose opinion would be of real value on such details.

HEROIC IRISH NURSES.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of the Directors of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

“That reviewing the terrible events of the past few weeks, when the resources of the hospital were taxed to the utmost in treating upwards of 200 casualties, the Directors desire to place on record their warm appreciation of the services of those who responded to the extraordinary and unforeseen calls made upon their skill and energy, especially the members of the medical, surgical, and nursing staffs, who proved their efficiency under very trying circumstances, as they were working often under fire, and always at considerable personal risk.”

“Whilst particularly emphasising the exceptional services rendered by the Lady Superintendent (Miss E. A. Eddison), the Board also desire to mention Sisters Hill, Richardson, Lloyd, Kennedy, Hackett, Downing, both the ‘day’ and the ‘night’ nurses, and the temporary probationers. All of these ladies quietly and conscientiously continued their work under conditions which were unprecedented in the history of the hospital.”

The Managing Committee of the Adelaide Hospital have placed on record an expression of their sincere gratitude to the members of the staff and household for the courageous and efficient manner in which they attended to the interests and safety of the patients. The Committee sincerely thanked the Matron, Miss Hill, the sisters, the nurses, and all the staff of the hospital for their single-hearted devotion to duty during a time of great anxiety.

NURSING ECHOES.

The £2 10s. we needed last week to complete the £13 required for Nurse N. was generously sent by Miss Theo E. Terry, who writes:—“I am more sorry than I can say for her, and earnestly hope that much more than you ask for will come in.” “Three sympathetic friends” from the Military Hospital, Endell Street, W.C., send 17s. 6d. We have also to thank Mrs. Hambledon, always so kind, for 10s.; “An Irish Nurse” and Miss J. H. Macdonald for 5s. each and their sympathetic letters. Also Miss E. M. Dickson for 2s. 6d., and promise for the future. Total, £15.

The money is sent to Nurse N. every fortnight, and, so long as it lasts, we shall forward an extra shilling a week (making the amount up to 6s. a week), with the sincere hope that it may do something to relieve the strain and anxiety which the lack of this world’s goods has occasioned, and which so often impairs the health.

We hope the house-to-house collection in Sheffield for the Queen Victoria Nurses has met with great success. Miss Hancox, the Superintendent, says:—“Our work must go on, and we must have the money to carry it on. We are working just as hard as before the war; in fact, harder, because the hospitals can’t take in the number of people that they could before the war broke out. Nine of my present staff are nursing among the soldiers; one is in Mesopotamia, two in Egypt, and three in France. Their posts are being kept open for them, and in the meantime their work is being done by temporary nurses. We are doing the best we can under very difficult circumstances; but it takes three new nurses to do the work of one well-trained district nurse.”

Most people recognise how great is the claim of our soldiers in these days, and the work done among the wives and children of our men at the Front by the Queen’s Nurses needs all the support which we are sure will be liberally given in Sheffield during the house-to-house collection. But Miss Hancox also says:—“Do ask our friends to continue to send old linen and children’s garments. People used to send in such a lot, and now my cupboards are empty; yet we still go on nursing these poor women. We also have soldiers who are discharged under our care.”

The Kingston Infirmary Nurses’ League *Journal* has a pretty *café au lait* cover, and the number which has just reached us has as frontispiece the Memorial Tablet to the late Sister McAllister, which has been erected in St. Agatha’s Church, Kingston-on-Thames,

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