

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Executive Committee of the N.U.T.N. are arranging to hold a day's conference on "The Present Situation in the Nursing Profession" on June 29th. Representatives of the Leagues and Societies affiliated in the National Council of Trained Nurses, the Matrons' Council and other nursing societies are being invited to take part. At this critical time in the history of nursing organisation, when irrevocable injury may be done unless trained nurses show a keen sense of personal and professional responsibility, such a conference may be of the utmost use to future generations of nurses.

APPOINTMENTS.

*Russian Medical Relief Expedition (Sisters).—*Miss D. Argent, Miss F. Macdowell, Miss J. Mann, Miss C. Morris, Miss A. Murphy, Miss C. Robinson.

Friends' War Victims Relief Committee, Châlons.—Miss B. Friend.

*Cirencester Red Cross Hospital (Sisters).—*Miss J. Johnstone, Miss M. Fielding.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

An Executive meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on June 3rd, Miss L. Ramsden presiding. Also present: Miss Carson-Rae, Miss Hughes, Miss Roberts, Miss Michie, Miss Towers, Miss Thornton, Miss Reeves and Mrs. Manning. The ordinary routine business was transacted. Miss Huxley, Miss Reeves and Miss Carson-Rae were elected to act as representatives of the I.N.A. at the meeting of the National Council of Women to be held in London in December. Five new members were elected to the I.N.A.

Miss Huxley will attend the meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital nurses on July 1st.

THEIR PILOT FACE TO FACE.

'Midst the din and roar of battle, 'midst the hail of shot and shell, out in the wild waste of waters in the rays of the setting sun on one side and mist and fog on the other, the flower of the British Navy, brave and tried admirals, gallant officers, middies in the flush of youth and promise, fine sturdy seamen, husbands, fathers, lovers, sons, died a glorious death, fighting for their country—for us, for all that we hold dear.

Admiral Hood led his division with inspiring courage. From that hell of conflict, in a few short minutes, thousands of our bravest and our best passed to "meet their Pilot face to face."

Of their anchorage on "the Waveless Shore" we doubt not. While we mourn with our country, and for their nearest and dearest, we can thank God for their deathless example, memory of splendid heroism and unselfish sacrifice.

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss F. A. Borrett, R.N.S., at present in Egypt, has sent £1, A Bart's Nurse 10s., Miss H. Hepplewhite, R.N.S., 5s., and a "Queen's Nurse" 5s., for Nurse N., bringing the total to £18. We offer sincere thanks to those who have sent these contributions.

A very interesting report is that presented by the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses for the past year, during which the work has been carried on under very abnormal conditions. The Council has had to face the problem of how best to adjust the claims on the services of nurses of the sick people in their own homes, and of the men who are so freely sacrificing their strength and their lives. The policy adopted at the outbreak of the war has been adhered to, and no Queen's Nurse who wishes to volunteer for service has been discouraged from doing so. Queen's Nurses are represented in practically all the centres of war. Miss Florence Filkin, Superintendent of the Cheshire County Nursing Association, has been mentioned in despatches, and Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, of the Scottish Branch, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross. The Council also record their deep regret at the death of Queen's Nurse Louisa Jordan, of the Scottish Branch, who contracted typhus while nursing in Serbia.

It is not, we read, only the Queen's Nurses who are undertaking duty directly under military authorities who are rendering service in connection with the war. The reports received from the Inspectors continually give evidence of real war work that is being undertaken by the Queen's Nurses in conjunction with their district work. . . . In London, a Queen's Nurse from one of the affiliated Associations has, since the beginning of the war, met the hospital trains and helped with the transport of the wounded men to the hospitals.

A difficulty has been the shortage of hospital nurses who are willing to come forward for district training. The supply of these nurses has gradually diminished, until during the latter part of the year it practically ceased. This has compelled the Institute to discontinue arrangements for training with the various Homes, and caused them great inconvenience, and the Council put on record their appreciation of the loyal manner in which the Homes have accepted the position and carried on their work under conditions of extreme difficulty and strain.

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