

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.

The first *N.U.T.N. Quarterly* has made its appearance in a dim blue and green cover, with its motto, "Per Ardua ad Astra," on a silver scroll above a silver star. Miss E. L. C. Eden writes a delightful foreword to "Dear Members," in which she says:—"The war has brought into the world bitter enmity and discord. It has undermined the foundations of valuable work, and had a disintegrating influence on co-operative effort. But yet has it not made us realise the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood as we never have before? We know that we are striving, not only as a nation, but together with our Allies, to preserve the ideals of freedom and humanity. . . . This little magazine is started now in the midst of war as an attempt to strengthen the bonds of comradeship . . . and we hope it may be warmly supported, and that it may become a strong link between the members."

Quotations are made from Branch Reports, and interesting letters from members of the Union appear. We wish all success to this new effort to stimulate solidarity in the *N.U.T.N.*

The first ambulance station in this country staffed entirely by women has been inaugurated in connection with the London ambulance service at Bloomsbury. All the staff are trained nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Middlesbrough District Nursing Association was recently held at the Nurses' Home, when the Lady Superintendent (Miss Purvis) reported that the district nurses had had 171 new cases, and paid 4,003 visits during the months of May and June. Many of the cases had been very serious ones, and there had been several naval and military patients.

Our district nurses are doing fine work for the nation, "keeping the home fires burning," as it were, in helping sick people to recover health, and cheering and comforting generally.

A sitting of the Consistory Court for the diocese of Norwich was held in the Cathedral on Saturday before Mr. Chancellor North.

Faculties were decreed for the erection of two memorials to Nurse Cavell—a carved oak reredos in Holy Trinity Church, South Heigham, and a stained glass window and alabaster tablet in the parish church of Swardston.

Looking at the design of the reredos, the Chancellor remarked that it promised a very beautiful piece of work. It would be of carved

oak, and would represent, in high relief, "The Last Supper." The estimated cost was £100, which would be provided by voluntary contributions.

With respect to the memorial window, it was stated that the inscription on the tablet would be:—"This window was given by many friends and admirers to commemorate the devoted life and tragic death of Edith Louisa Cavell, head of the first training school for nurses in Belgium, who was born and brought up in this parish, of which her father was vicar from 1863 to 1909, and who died for her country on October 12th, 1915, aged 49 years, being shot by order of a German court-martial in Brussels for having rendered help to fugitive British, French, and Belgian soldiers. The artist who designed the window and the craftsmen who made it gave their services as their contribution to this memorial. A.D. 1916."

At a recent meeting of the Board of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, a letter was read from the Hon. Sec., Edith Cavell Irish Memorial, enclosing cheque for £200, being amount of account towards endowment of a bed in the above hospital in memory of Edith Cavell, who heroically gave her life for her country. The Board directed that the bed be open and named without delay, further consideration to be deferred until fund be closed. Subscriptions to this memorial should be sent to the Hon. Secretaries, "Edith Cavell Irish Memorial Fund," 30, Molesworth Street, Dublin, or to Miss E. A. Eddison, at the hospital.

The Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Fund has during the year been enriched by 10,262 dollars, so that now six scholarships can be given annually to nurses eager for knowledge. In the States, trained nurses usually devote memorial funds to providing extended educational advantages for graduate nurses, whilst in England some form of charity is usually provided, such as rest homes, annuities, pensions, &c. This points to the fact that as a profession we are being poorly paid—in comparison with our colleagues on the American Continent. Anyway, the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund will be spent in acquiring learning in some form; and let us hope once we have State Registration an immense impetus will be given to better and systematic education for nurses. It is now sorely neglected. The splendid use that trained nurses make of the professional instruction they receive indicates their capacity for further development, in the acquisition of special branches of knowledge, if opportunity offers.

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