

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

A temporary exchange of duties has been arranged between Dr. Goodall, Medical Superintendent of the North Western Hospital (M.A.B.), Hampstead, and Dr. Beggs, Medical Superintendent of the Grove Military Hospital, Tooting Grove, S.W., as, owing to reasons of health, it has been found necessary to relieve the latter of the very onerous duties imposed upon him since the Grove Hospital became a military one. Dr. Goodall has already had the management of hospitals for the sick and wounded in France, in addition to his long administrative experience as a Medical Superintendent under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, he has therefore special qualifications for the position.

The Grove Military Hospital contains over 1,000 beds, and is now receiving sick and wounded from overseas, and donations in money or kind (papers, periodicals, books, cards, draughts, dominoes, quoits, bowls, and other indoor or outdoor games, gramophones, scarves, gloves, socks, handkerchiefs, and offers of entertainments and motor drives, &c.) for the comfort of the patients will be gratefully received and acknowledged. There is also need for a piano and bagatelle board.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN.—The joint societies would be grateful for the following articles until further notice:—Knitted goods—cardigans, knitted helmets, day socks, bed socks, mufflers, woollen gloves, mittens, knitted face washers, knitted skull caps, slippers (plain and surgical), dressing gowns, flannel pyjamas, handkerchiefs (coloured and whites), vests and pants (flannel or union, winter weights), bolster cases (20 by 40 in.), comfort bags (10 by 12 in.) in any fancy coloured material.

The following are also wanted:—Glass, china, and tea-cloths, old linen, blankets, sheets (2 by 3 yards), open wove bandages (all sizes), feather pillows (18 by 20 in. and 20 by 30 in.) (asked for in very large quantities), medium-weight day socks.

ADDRESSES FOR GOODS.—From Red Cross working parties: The Manager, Stores Department, 83, Pall Mall, S.W.; from Red Cross home workers: B.R.C.S. Central Workrooms, Royal Academy, Piccadilly, W.; from St. John workers and parties: The Chairman, St. John's Warehouse, 56, St. John's Square, E.C.

The Council of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, 157, Great Portland Street, London, W., desire to state emphatically that no reduction has been made in the minimum course of six months' instruction required of candidates entering for the Society's examination in massage. All teachers sign an assurance to this effect for pupils entered for examination from their schools. In refutation of current rumours the Council desire to emphasise this fact.

A ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

A Round Table Conference of Nursing Organizers of experience was on Saturday last convened by the National Union of Trained Nurses at the Office, 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, to discuss without prejudice the best method of extending the usefulness of the Union—so that it can fill the very urgent need which now exists for a professional and self-governing Association of Trained Nurses throughout the United Kingdom, based on individual membership, now that the Royal British Nurses' Association has, upon the recommendation of its managers, voted to cease to exist.

The proceedings were strictly confidential, but we are permitted to state that they were of a very harmonious, hopeful, and practical character, and that it is probable that a great impetus will be given to the influence of the Union, should the various proposals meet with support. The National Union of Trained Nurses stands for a Higher Professional Ideal, through Co-operation of Trained Nurses, so that through direct representation of the rank and file, their professional and economic interests, freedom of action, higher education, and State Registration by Act of Parliament on democratic lines, may be attained. This is a fine programme, and should commend itself to intelligent and self-respecting nurses.

The National Union is affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, a Federation of Nurses' Organizations, and thus forms part of the great International Council of Nurses, which hopes to play a great part after the War.

PETITION TO HIS MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

The following is the full text of the notice, in reference to the Petition of the Royal British Nurses' Association for a Supplemental Charter, to which we drew attention in our last issue, and which appeared in the *London Gazette* of February 23rd:—

Privy Council Office, 23rd February, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Royal British Nurses' Association, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that, His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before the 23rd day of March, 1917.

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