

The hon. treasurer of Queen Mary's Convalescent Auxiliary Hospitals, Roehampton, acknowledges the sum of £1,000 received from the executive committee of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society to maintain for a year a ward in these hospitals.

Lady George Nevill has opened a hospital at Hove for paralysed and nerve-affected soldiers, not incurable, but liable to become so without special treatment.

The marriage took place in No. 5 Ward of the Sir John Ellerman Hospital, Regent's Park, on Monday, of Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy to Miss Mona Macquoid. The ward was decorated with arum lilies and white heather. Many officers and friends were present, together with some of the nursing sisters, the resident medical officer, and the matron. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. S. Hilliard, Christ Church, Mayfair.

Colonel Kennedy was the first patient admitted to the Sir John Ellerman Hospital, which was opened six weeks ago.

The journal *Les Nouvelles*, of Maastricht, learns from Belgium that conditions there are so bad that an epidemic of typhus has broken out. There have been eighty deaths from this disease in less than two months in the single commune of Bree among a population of 4,000.

What a martyr to duty and patriotism this brave little country has become!

A GERMAN GERM.

Written by a New Zealand soldier, on learning that his aunt in London had contracted German measles while helping to entertain soldiers from the front.

A German germ was born one day,
And speedily it found its way
Into a soldier's haversack,
And there it made its bivouac.
My Auntie Fay, as you all know,
Off to the Soldiers' Club doth go;
And she was there last Xmas Eve
To feed the Tommies home on leave.
Our soldier with his haversack
From muddy France had just come back,
Our German germ, now grown quite fat,
Had shifted to the Tommy's hat.
From there out of his one small eye
My dear old aunt he did espy,
And as she was a-passing by
He hopped on her quite on the sly.
"Ha, ha!" he cried, "this is my place,
A German thinks it no disgrace
To make a poor old lady squirm;
And tho' I'm but a German germ
My reputation is at stake
If I, a chance like this don't take."
He worked quite hard for just a while,
This measly Germ so full of guile.
Now at the Club, Aunt's seen no more.
Carbolic sheet across the door
Prevents the exit for some days
Of this vic-tim of German ways.

R. B. C.

SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

ORGANISED NURSES' SOCIETIES PETITION PARLIAMENT TO BE PERMITTED TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THEIR OWN PROFESSION.

At a recent Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the following Resolution was passed unanimously, and the President undertook to send it with a covering letter to Members of Parliament.

COVERING LETTER.

431, Oxford Street, London, W.
February, 1917.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to bring to your notice the enclosed Resolution, passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses on the 17th inst.

Speaking for the 4,000 certificated nurses of which this Society is composed, may we hope that you will use your influence to secure that before any Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses is promoted by the Government, our organised Societies of Nurses in England, Scotland, and Ireland may be permitted to express their opinion concerning the organization of their own profession?

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Your obedient servant,

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

President.

RESOLUTION.

"The Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, which for many years has been working to obtain the Registration of Nurses by Act of Parliament, but which during the last two Sessions has ceased propaganda and loyally respected the decision of the Prime Minister that no private members' Bill should be brought in during the war, learns that the College of Nursing, Ltd., promoted by the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., hopes to induce the Government to introduce a Bill for this purpose.

"The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses respectfully asks therefore that before the Government deals with the question of the State Registration of Nurses the Societies of Nurses associated together for this purpose in the Central Committee may have an opportunity of expressing their opinion on any proposed measure for the Statutory organization of their profession."

A large number of sympathetic replies have been received by the President approving of this eminently reasonable request.

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