

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

Explaining the incidents in an ambulance display given by the 1st London County V.A.D. last Saturday at the College of Ambulance, Vere Street, Colonel James Cantlie, the O.C., said:—
“It is not good ambulance work to carry men shoulder high. It looks very nice in the pictures or on the stage, but as practical work it is not to be thought of. The famous Stonewall Jackson was being carried shoulder high when one of the bearers was shot and he rolled off the stretcher and broke his neck.”

“Soldiers’ Day” in aid of Queen Alexandra’s Field Force is to be held on May 3rd.

We do not wonder that the gigantic bazaar which is to be held at the Royal Albert Hall during this second week in May is arousing unprecedented interest. It is to be in aid of the Blinded Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Hostel, St. Dunstan’s, for whom we all feel the very deepest sympathy, and Queen Alexandra is its patroness. We hope *B.J.N.* readers will do all in their power to help to secure gifts for this bazaar. They will be gratefully received by the Secretary, Blinded Soldiers’ Bazaar Committee, 6, Bayswater Hill, S.W.

A memorable ceremony took place in Dublin on April 7th, when the Lord Mayor welcomed to the Mansion House a number of representative ladies and gentlemen to witness the presentation by him of Russian Imperial awards to some of those who had taken a prominent part in organising a Russian Flag Day in Dublin in aid of the Anglo-Russian Hospital. The Hospital, which is entirely supported by the Russian flag day movement in the United Kingdom, consists of a base hospital, two field hospitals, a dressing station, and a motor ambulance column. Queen Alexandra is patroness of the movement, with Lord Rosebery as president. The awards are of special interest, as they are stated to be the last Imperial honours issued under the late *régime*. The medal was designed by the ex-Tsaritza, and shows the Russian eagle, surmounted by the Imperial crown. Between the wings is an enamelled shield, bearing the Red Cross, and inscribed with the Tsaritza’s initials. The medal is suspended from a fastener of red, white, and blue ribbon. Each recipient was also presented with a large white and gold card, on which were printed, over the signature of the Court Chamberlain, the following words:—“I have pleasure in informing you that Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna of Russia, has been graciously pleased to confer upon you the enclosed award in recognition of the valued services rendered by you in connection with the Russian flag day movement. Her Imperial Majesty has expressed her great appreciation of the energy and devotion displayed by the members of the various organising committees in Ireland, as a result of which such marked success has been achieved.”

HUGGING THEIR FETTERS.

We have received the following letter signed by 22 ladies, who sign as members of the Royal British Nurses’ Association, but as the managers of that Chartered Corporation have failed to publish the Roll of Members since the year of grace 1909, although some hundreds of nurses have paid a guinea Registration Fee during the past eight years for the privilege of having their names and qualifications printed in it, we are only able to verify five of the signatories, one of whom holds a certificate, two no certificate, and two no qualifications whatever. The rest of the 18 signatories are apparently quite satisfied with a system of management which charges a registration fee and fails to publish their names on the Roll.

En passant, it would be interesting to know who drafted the following document, which, we are informed, was read at the Office of the R.B.N.A. on Bank Holiday to a selected number of nurses, who were then invited to sign it.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—We have read this week, in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the editorial remarks with regard to the correspondence of Mr. Herbert Paterson, Medical Honorary Secretary of the R.B.N.A. Although we consider those remarks a misrepresentation of the true position of affairs, and very far from logical, some of us feel that they give us an opportunity to re-assert our confidence in our Honorary Officers and our appreciation of the help they have given us in what we have realised to be a great crisis for the Nursing Profession. It was because we understood the issues at stake for the profession that some of us overcame almost insurmountable difficulties in order to attend the Special General Meeting on the 18th of January last. For Members of an Association, incorporated by Royal Charter, a time had arrived when we had to “think imperially” and to consider whether or not an opportunity presented itself for the expansion of the powers held under that Charter. It was to very many of us, as to our Medical Honorary Secretary, a matter of sincere regret to see the old order changing but at the same time we cannot agree that we “handed over our Charter.” Although, as stated in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the proposed Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws were not read at the Meeting, those had already been in our hands for quite a fortnight before it and so we had ample opportunity to consider them. We fail to find, either in the Supplemental Charter or in the new Bye-laws, any reference to handing over our Charter. On the contrary it is reiterated, both in the Agreement and in the proposed Supplemental Charter that the College of Nursing Ltd. is to be amalgamated with the Corporation and in the Agreement the College of Nursing Ltd. undertakes to wind itself up as soon as the amalgamation is

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