

temporary nurses. Twenty-four visits of inspection had been made, including districts in the counties of Aberdeen, Banff, Elgin, Fife, Forfar, Inverness, Lanark, Midlothian, Nairn, Perth, and Stirling. The work in Edinburgh for the period showed that 1,268 cases had been nursed by the nurses from the Training Home, involving a total of 20,537 visits. The names of the following nurses on "active service" had appeared in the honours list or had been mentioned in dispatches:—Misses C. Carvel, Dunbar; E. Taylor and G. Winter, Glasgow; E. Barrett, Kirkcaldy; and J. M'George, Kilmun. Donations received had amounted to £192 17s., subscriptions to £105 4s.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W., is now well established, and it is interesting to learn that during the first six months of its existence it has been used by nurses in all branches of work—those from military and civil hospitals as well as private and district nurses. The membership now stands at 330. Over 1,200 orders have been taken in the dining room, and the Club has been largely used as a rendezvous for friends who want a convenient meeting place. The garden has been much appreciated for tea, &c. Membership is open to those who have taken a full general training, or who are in course of such training, and it has proved a special godsend to the lonely probationer who has no friends in London. The arrangements are made with a view to providing rest, refreshment, and recreation for the members in home-like and attractive surroundings. The Club is within six minutes of Victoria Station, and within two of main omnibus and tram routes.

It is not intended primarily as a residential club, and the residence of members or guests is restricted to a week. The average number of "sleepers" works out at four per night. Members of the nursing profession who need a pied-à-terre in London should call and see the Club. They will be sure of a courteous welcome from the Hon. Secretary, Miss C. H. Mayers.

A correspondent writes that about a year ago she found a nurse's certificate of training, and asks us to help her to find the owner, which so far she has been unable to do. The name is Mabel Thompson. If any nurse of that name who has lost her certificate sees this notice, will she write to the Editor, *B.J.N.*, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, stating where she was trained, the name of her Matron, and the date of her certificate.

IN HONOUR OF HIS WIFE.

Sir James Thomas has given £1,000 to endow a bed in honour of his wife at the Edward VII Hospital at Cardiff. Sir James, who has been a most generous friend to the institution, married, in April last, Miss Cooper, who had been Assistant Matron at the hospital.

"BLUE SISTERS" FINED.

At West London last Saturday, before Mr. de Grey, Amy Plumpton, superior of a children's home in Redcliffe Square, South Kensington, in conducting which she was assisted by young women known as the "Blue Sisters," again appeared in answer to summonses for neglecting two children, and to five others for failing to notify the London County Council that she had received children for payment.

Mr. de Grey permitted the summonses for neglect to be adjourned for six months on condition that the defendant allowed the London County Council officials to see that the institution was properly conducted. In regard to the summonses for failing to notify he fined her £20, with 5 guineas costs on each of two summonses and 5s. each on the remaining three.

We think it much to be regretted that the care of poor helpless children should be entrusted, for the future, to women who neglect them, and that they should be permitted to charge fees for work for which they appear to be ill adapted.

LES FEMMES SOLDATS.

The first thousand members of the Women's Auxiliary Service has gone to France.

The following little story appears in the *Weekly Dispatch*:—

"One of the girls who went out some weeks ago wrote me to say that the most amusing part of the life in France was when Scottish officers came along. In the days when the corps first landed on the other side of the Channel we were told to salute officers.

"But the Scottish officers, in acknowledgment of our salute, always caught hold of their kilts and curtseyed.

"So we are told not to salute officers now!"

"BATTALION OF DEATH."

Russian women have always taken a very prominent part in the long fight against autocracy in Russia, and suffered with men severe penalties for their courage. Now it is announced from Petrograd that the Women's "Battalion of Death" have gone to the front, having previously marched to the Kazan Cathedral, where an open-air farewell service was held. Mme. Botchkareva, who is in command, first went to the front in man's uniform with her husband, who was killed whilst fighting.

Women are promised adult suffrage in Canada at an early date. We do hope the mother country will step lively and get there first.

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