

and take them up to the house and tell the *bonne* to cook them for our dinner. Then they come up to you and say, "Hurry up, mees, there is some fish for dinner."

"I don't know whether all this interests you? but you see we are so isolated here; we only live with and for our patients."

Naturally, hard-working Sisters are gratified by appreciation and recognition.

A Sister writes: "Something to interest you. We had an inspection of this ambulance a few days ago by a Government Inspector, into the personnel, &c. When the account of the *Infirmières* was given, the Inspector replied, 'Yes, it is always the same wherever I go. All the ambulances that have English nurses are well ordered. Wherever the English nurses are they give proof of great devotion, loyalty, obedience, and thorough knowledge of their work.'

"Our position here is acknowledged, and it is one of trust and honour. The soldiers want us and we are able to render them services in ways the untrained, however willing, are unable to do."

Miss Hasson, Matron-in-Chief of the American Nursing Units, passed through London last week on her way to France, where her sphere of work is located.



SISTERS OF THE F.N.C. IN THE RUINS NEAR RHEIMS.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to note the following announcement and hope Sister Pratt may make a good recovery:—

AUSTRALIAN NURSING SERVICE.

WOUNDED.

PRATT, Sister R., Army Nursing Service.

THE CROIX DE GUERRE FOR BRITISH NURSES.

The Croix de Guerre (with palm) has been awarded to Miss Margaret Dewar and Miss Mary Marshall, Staff Nurses at an English hospital in Salonika, who were mortally wounded during the bombardment of the hospital by enemy aeroplanes (the former while protecting a patient's head with a pillow), and to an American volunteer named Lovering, in charge of an adjoining establishment, for their courage in protecting the wounded.

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

(ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF IRELAND.)

We understand that the Bye-Laws of the "Irish Nursing Board" have after revision by legal authority been passed, and will this week be further considered by the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. The Executive Committee, which consists of Miss Huxley, Miss Reeves, Miss O'Flynn, Miss Sutton, Miss Carson Rae, Sir A. Chance and Dr. Kirkpatrick, hopes to get to work at an early date, and it is probable that the College of Surgeons will courteously lend a room for official business for the time being. The organization of a profession is necessarily a costly matter, especially in its inception, and we have no doubt that the Irish Nursing Board will carefully conserve its resources until it is

placed on a safe financial basis. Much better "go canny" and be self-supporting; there can be no independence of action unless a profession pays for its own organization. We have given much consideration to the financial aspect of the Registration question, and we maintain that professional independence cannot be guaranteed on less than a £2 2s. registration fee, a small enough sum to

pay for legal status, and all that it will effect in the improvement in nursing for the public benefit. Pay as you go if you want to go far, is our advice. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Irish Nursing Board.

THE "MARQUETTE" TRAGEDY.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association there was an echo of the *Marquette* tragedy when Miss M. M. Cameron, a member of the Association, and a Registered New Zealand Nurse, resigned her membership, as she was living in New Zealand, and did not require the *Journal* of the A.T.N.A., as, having been disabled in the wreck of the *Marquette*, she was unable to read. The Council expressed their sympathy with Miss Cameron in her misfortune and asked her to permit them to retain her name on the register without payment.

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