

THE SERBIAN RELIEF FUND.

During the past three months the work of the Serbian Relief Fund has increased threefold.

Following close on the victorious armies the S.R.F. Units in Macedonia established hospitals at Nish, Prokuplje, and Skoplje; to these have been added a considerable number of workers.

Clothing depots have been opened, canteens established in the towns to feed the sick and the children, also on the frontiers for the reception of prisoners and interned civilians from Bulgaria and Hungary.

Though the S.R.F. has clothed most of the Serbian refugees in Salonica, Corfu, Corsica, Bizerta, France and England for the past three years, thanks to the generosity of the public, there was a large surplus owing to the impossibility of sending any material into occupied Serbia.

The stores accumulated amounted to over 516,000 useful garments, &c.; of these some 100,000 were contributed by the Canadian Red Cross. The above were sent out in December last and are being given out.

Last week a further consignment of close on 100,000 articles was despatched.

The Queen sent over 15,000; the Canadian Red Cross again gave generously; the D.G.V.O. sent requisitions to branch organisations; Depots too numerous to mention sent contributions.

IN REPLY TO A REQUEST FOR FRESH HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT.

The British Red Cross has made a splendid gift of £7,000, including 260 beds (complete), surgical instruments, &c.; the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross, St. Andrew's Halls, Glasgow, promises equipment for 200 beds, 2 lorries 2 ambulances; the Perth War Hospital is giving £500, and 100 beds; the Belgravia Workrooms and the Marylebone War Hospital supply respectively 100 beds; the Suffolk Branch B.R.C.S., 25 beds and equipment; Lady Mond, 14 beds and equipment; Miss Marguerite Nielka, 19 beds; Southwark War Hospital, 8 beds.

We greatly hope to establish several standard Hospitals and Sanatoria on modern lines, also one or more orphanages. For these materials of all kinds are needed, utensils, cutlery, linen.

The following Trained Nurses have joined the staff of the Serbian Relief Fund between October, 1918, and the present time. They are all attached to the S.R.F. Unit No. VI, which has been working for the Serbians since March, 1916, in Corfu, in Macedonia, and now in Serbia.

The Unit now working in Skoplje Nish, Prokuplje, and Alexinatx comprises Misses D. Applin, E. Ardern, Helena Bird, M. Blaxall, E. Charter, G. Chattin, M. Day Metcalf, G. L. Edman, M. Gearey, M. A. McElhone, Hilda Marston, M. Martin, J. W. Tompkins, W. L. Yorkston, and Miss Frances Latham, Bristol Infirmary (as Matron of the Perthshire Unit).

The organisation of all the S.R.F. work is in the hands of Dr. F. Clemow, C.M.G., and the Matron-in-Chief is Miss Faden (Leeds Gen. Inf.).

HOW NURSES ARE CONFUSED.

As we have previously reported, the College of Nursing, Ltd., has issued a writ against a nurse for having stated that it, and not the Joint War Committee, has subsidised scholarships for V.A.D.s, and we ask our readers how nurses are to discriminate between the activities of the various charity funds for nurses, of which Sir Arthur Stanley is Chairman.

A reader sends us the following letter, which has been received by her, and asks why Sir Arthur Stanley addresses her on Joint War Committee stationery from 83, Pall Mall, "when he is begging for the Nation's Fund for Nurses, as a private member of the College of Nursing"! She asks how, under such conditions, confusion is to be avoided?; and adds: "I consider the last paragraph of this letter entirely inexcusable, as Sir Arthur is the 'fount of all honour' so far as Red Cross Workers are concerned."

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DEAR MADAM,—I am writing this letter to you, not officially as Chairman of the Joint War Committee, but as a private member of the College of Nursing, to ask you to put certain facts before your Work Party in the hope that you and they will see your way to help us.

The Nation's Fund for Nurses has been established in order to provide for two objects: firstly, the endowment of the College of Nursing; and secondly, the provision of a Fund to help those Nurses who are sick, or past their work, or who have fallen upon evil days. I enclose a leaflet which describes in somewhat fuller detail the two objects of the Fund which I have mentioned above.

A Sale of Work is to be held in aid of the Fund on the 11th April at the Central Hall, Westminster. At this Sale the largest Stall is to be held by the Nurses themselves, and at this Stall all manner of garments, comforts, useful articles, &c., are to be sold. I am writing now to ask you whether you and your Work Party will very kindly help us in this matter by sending contributions of any articles that you may happen to have left over when you demobilise, or any articles that your Work Party may be kind enough to make specially for the Sale.

I understand that wool and flannel are supplied to you through the Stores Department here. Articles made out of material so supplied cannot be given for this Sale of Work, but must be returned to the Stores Depart-

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