

room opened in August, 1914, except on Sundays, Christmas Days and Good Fridays, and the total number of slippers and boots dispatched has been 37,000 pairs; 10,347 during the past year. Latterly many parcels have been sent to officers in France for the billets, as the men are now permitted to take off their boots. And, withal, there is a balance in hand of £26 17s. 2d., for the receipts for last year were £894 1s. 9d. and the expenditure £867 4s. 7d. That is good business, and a balance sheet of which the Hon. Treasurer has reason to be proud.

Mrs. Paine has kindly offered to send some of these comfortable slippers to the Artillery Regiment, for which an appeal for comforts was made in this JOURNAL last week, and the devastated districts in France will also, we hope, receive a supply. So the good work goes on.

An Army Council Instruction announces that it has been decided to increase the grant-in-aid of sanatorium expenses issuable to tuberculous officers and nurses, in whose cases the disease has been aggravated by the service to the amount of two-thirds of the sanatorium charges, not exceeding £2 2s. a week, such increase to date from December 13, 1917. Application for the adjustments of past payments should be made by the officer or nurse concerned to the paymaster from whom the original grant was received.

Perthshire Red Cross Society has made a grant of £500 to the Serbian Relief Fund. In reply to a letter from the committee of the fund, proposing to found a hospital in Serbia to be called "The Perthshire," the Duchess of Atholl wrote:—"It is very kind of your committee to think of calling a hospital after this county. I am sure the Red Cross executive and all workers for the Red Cross in Perthshire will be very pleased." Miss F. E. Latham will establish "The Perthshire" Hospital in Serbia and remain permanently in charge.

The Elsie Inglis Unit of the Scottish Women's Hospitals has once more gone forward, this time in the wake of the victorious Serbian army. Curiously enough, the unit is within a few hundred miles of its Russian campaign with the Jugoslavs in the Dobrudja in 1916, but it has reached its present position coming from the Macedonian front *via* the Adriatic. The Serbians have placed a large building at the disposal of the unit at Sarajevo, where there are large numbers of sick soldiers to be tended.

As a memorial to the fallen it is proposed to erect a new wing to the Royal Gwent Hospital at Newport, Mon., where further accommodation is urgently required. A movement is also on foot in the western valleys of Monmouthshire for the erection of a fully equipped cottage hospital as a war memorial. This is a colliery district, and cases of accidents in mines have now to be taken to Newport, a distance of 12 miles.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The following correspondence has passed between the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, and the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland:—

TO MISS E. GRAHAM, JOINT HON. SECRETARY,
ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE
STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN SCOTLAND.

431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1

December 23rd, 1918.

Dear Madam,—At the Meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, held in London on January 18th, 1918, the following Resolution was carried *nem. con.*, and, as directed by the Meeting, a copy of the Resolution was sent to you for the information of your Committee.

Resolution.

"That any Society affiliated to the Central Committee whose delegates hold office on the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., be invited to state whether or not it is prepared to loyally support the Nurses' Registration Bill agreed upon by the Central Committee, and, in the event of a reply in the negative, such Society be notified that, according to the Resolution under which the Central Committee was constituted, it is ineligible for affiliation."

Resolution under which the Central Committee was constituted. (January 25th, 1910.)

"That the Societies now represented at the Conference do formally constitute a Central Committee, composed of five delegates nominated by each Society respectively, for the purpose of securing united action in regard to State Registration until a satisfactory law has been passed by Parliament."

As the Association for the Promotion of the Registration of Nurses in Scotland has two delegates on the Central Committee, who also hold office on the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and as the College Council has refused to support the parent Bill drafted by the Central Committee, we must ask you to be good enough to bring this Resolution before your Committee, and inform us whether it intends to support our Bill in its entirety or not.

Should your Committee decide that it is unable to do so, we shall be obliged if you will inform us of its decision on this point, when the Resolution passed on January 18th (1918) will take effect. The Central Committee feels sure you will realise that it is impossible any longer for your Association to be represented both on the Central Committee, and on the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

We are,

Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,

E. W. GOODALL,
Hon. Medical Secretary.
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Nurse Secretary.

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