

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

FRANCE'S DAY, 1919.

The British Committee of the French Red Cross has decided to make this year, through "France's Day," a final appeal to the British Empire for funds to complete their Red Cross work, and also to render urgently-needed temporary assistance to over 2,000,000 refugees from the devastated districts of France, who have lost their all in the war. Public collections will be made throughout the Empire. The Lord Mayor of London has consented to act as honorary treasurer, and Mr. Percy Collins will, for the fourth year in succession, be the honorary Secretary, with offices at 34, Wilton Place, S.W. 1. The British Farmers' Red Cross Fund is also helping the French Red Cross by arranging for the collection in England and Wales of clean clothing and household linen, warm under-clothing and blankets being specially required at once.

Communications should be addressed to Mr. Herbert Brown, 34, Wilton Place, and goods should be forwarded to Thurlow Place, S.W. 7.

Have you paid a visit to the Ruhleben Exhibition at the Central Hall, Westminster? If not, do so without delay; it is no mere ordinary exhibition, but, as Mrs. Pope Hennessy, the Hon. Secretary, says, "it is a living witness of the spirit in which our British civilians met and overcame the adversity of prolonged captivity in Germany. . . . Ruhleben was a camp of all the talents, and those who know most about it are most profound in their admiration for the spirit of the men who made it what it was. Though their feet were in the mud, they succeeded in keeping their heads in the heavens."

Under instructions from the War Cabinet, the War Office will continue for the next six months to afford treatment and accommodation in military hospitals for all soldiers and pensioners needing it.

VALUABLE SERVICES.

A supplement to the *London Gazette* contains a list of the names of ladies who have been brought to notice for valuable services in connection with the war, including the following:—

Miss Jane Tiddy, Nurse, London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street; Miss Margaret Matthewson, Matron, Jubilee Infirmary, North Shields; Miss Sarah Laura Thirlwell, Matron, Ingham Infirmary, South Shields; Miss Alice Mary Richardson, Matron, Scarborough Hospital; Miss Gertrude Mary Marsters, Matron, The Cottage Hospital, Gorleston; Miss Margaret Hogg, Matron, Guy's Hospital; Miss Frances Elizabeth Davies, Theatre Sister, Queen Mary's R.N. Hospital, Southend-on-Sea; Mrs. Elisabeth Lindsay Stirling, Matron, The Cottage Hospital, Cromarty; Miss Margaret MacLennan, Sister, The Northern Infirmary, Inverness; Miss Annie Charteris, Night Superintendent, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mrs. Evelyn Olive Streatfeild, Commandant, V.A.D., Homerton Hospital, Sunderland.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

Whatever claims to professional fame she may possess—and they are numerous—Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, formerly Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, will go down to posterity as the only Matron of a large hospital who stood by the nurses in their fight with the Nursing Schools for professional liberty.

We hope many of those who appreciate Miss Heather-Bigg's self-sacrifice—for as it turns out there is no doubt she has been called upon to suffer for her courage—will be present on Friday, 24th, when an Address will be presented to her in recognition of her fine work for the profession during her term of office as Matron of Charing Cross Hospital.

The reception will be held at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, after the annual meeting of the Matrons' Council at 3 p.m.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

We much regret having to hold over for want of space an account of the very interesting meeting convened by the N.U.T.N. on January 18th, when Miss Jantie Paterson, Miss Feild and Miss Cancellor gave very interesting accounts of their experiences at the Front.

UNBLUSHING COMPETITION.

Miss Rimmer, Organising Secretary of the N.U.T.N., has been instructing the press on the nursing question with no uncertain voice. So grossly unfair has been the comparative treatment recently of the skilled professional nurse and the ignorant amateur, that Miss Rimmer would hesitate to advise a girl to train as a nurse in the future. No profession, she thinks, has such poor prospects, what with hard work, poor pay, and the unblushing competition of the semi-trained!

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

A meeting of members of the Scottish Nurses' Club was held on the 17th inst in the club premises at 205, Bath Street, Glasgow. The Marchioness of Ailsa presided, and explained that the object of the meeting was to consider and adopt the constitutions drawn up by the trustees. Mr. Stark Brown thereafter submitted the constitutions, which were adopted.

A ROLL OF HONOUR.

The City of Dublin Nursing Institution, 27, Upper Baggot Street, Dub'in, is compiling a Roll of Honour of nurses connected with the Institution. Past nurses who have served in the War are requested to communicate with the Lady Superintendent. Every hospital might well keep its Roll of Honour.

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