

entertained there, a very bright spot in connection with the war. French Flag Nursing Corps Sisters are anxious publicly to express their most sincere gratitude for the unbounded kindness, courtesy and comfort they have invariably enjoyed at the Queen Mary's Hostels—the Superintendents of which have been "more than a mother to us," as one of them writes, after a recent visit.

Announcement was made at the committee meeting of the Edith Cavell Homes for Nurses that the offers of further houses at West Norwood and Hampstead have been accepted to meet the great demands for a period of rest that are pouring in now that the military hospitals are demobilising. Accommodation is now needed for at least a hundred over-worked nurses per month, and it is estimated that during the next year there will be over 1,000 appeals for well-deserved rest. The subscription list for the maintenance of these valuable homes now exceeds £39,000, but as the honorary treasurer at 25, Victoria Street, S.W. 1, pointed out, much more will be wanted in order to afford this fully-earned period of recuperation and quiet.

The College policy to depreciate the value of legal status for nurses, by pretending £1 1s. is a sufficient fee for examination and State Registration, and that they cannot afford to pay more, has the bottom knocked out of it, when one learns the cost of sectional certificates which carry no legal status with them.

According to Miss E. H. Smith, Registrar, Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau, training for a Sanitary Inspector cost £12 12s., a year's training at a polytechnic for a health visitor's certificate £14. A six months' course from £18 to £35 to qualify for the C.M.B. certificate. Hundreds of nurses add these certificates to that of the certificate for three years' general nursing, and if they can pay the above sums for these special certificates, it is absurd to say trained nurses are such idiots

and paupers that they cannot pay £3 3s. to £5 5s. for legal status, the protected title of "Registered Nurse," and protection for a registered uniform. Give them a chance and see. But that is what the College is doing its utmost to prevent.

The serious shortage of nurses in Somerset was discussed at the 17th annual meeting of the Somerset County Nursing Association held at Taunton, when it was stated that there was great need of increasing the number of nurses, and of making the profession more attractive.

We publish on this page a portrait of Miss



MISS E. JOHNCOCK, A.R.R.C.

E. Johncock, A.R.R.C., of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, who for the greater period of the war nursed British wounded first in Nazareth and then in Damascus. Those whom she has nursed bear warm testimony to the value of her services. Captain Ferguson, of the 1st Battalion Durham Light Infantry, writes of her in the Quarterly Paper of the above Society: "On the 17th April, 1918, I was wounded and taken prisoner by the Turks. I was eventually taken to Damascus, where I remained for over three months. There I found Miss Johncock doing most admirable work, nursing wounded prisoners of war. I can say nothing strong enough in praise of the conduct of this lady. She

had many great difficulties to contend with, and although often short of food she always managed to help the wounded prisoners. By her careful nursing she saved my leg from amputation, and many other British wounded owe their lives to Miss Johncock's devotion to duty."

Another wounded British prisoner describes how, after some miserable days in a Turkish prison at Gaza, he and thirty of his comrades were put into a cattle truck and entrained for Nazareth. They were three days on the journey, without food or water, and when on arrival at the station for Nazareth they were

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