

upon it without thought of an equivalent. Early and late, in office hours and out, the welfare of the Association is her first consideration, and none ever better safeguarded its honour.

Therefore, when as the long battle of the nurses for their registration by the State drew to a close, and all the forces of might were arrayed in a final assault upon right, expediency and compromise were words not found in the vocabulary of the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association. For, in a fight, it is blood that tells, the cur turns tail, the thorough-bred, though the odds may be desperate, fights to a finish.

And this is the record of the Clan Ranald, a branch of the Clan Donald.

"Clan Ranald, ever glorious, victorious, nobility,
A people proud and fearless, of peerless ability;
Fresh honours ever gaining, disdaining servility,
Attacks can never move them, but prove their stability.

High of spirit, they inherit merit, capability,
Skill, discreetness, strength and featness, fleetness
and agility;

Shields to batter, swords to shatter, scatter with
facility

Whoever braves their ire, and their fiery hostility."

With such a heritage where should a daughter of the Clan Donald be, but on the side of right?

And she was there.

When a Nurses' Registration Act, which gives the registered nurses liberal powers of self-government, receives the Royal Assent, those who know the inner history of the movement will know how much the cause owes to Isabel Macdonald.

THE PROFESSIONAL NURSES' UNION.

We are informed that Miss Maude McCallum has consulted her solicitor with reference to the articles which have appeared in *The Hospital* and *The Nursing Mirror* concerning her. As the statements are considered to constitute a grave libel upon Miss McCallum, a full apology and retraction in the said publications has been demanded, failing which proceedings will immediately be taken claiming damages for libel.

It is high time members of the nursing profession ceased to tolerate the scurrilous attacks of the commercial nursing Press, and we congratulate Miss McCallum on her spirited action.

TWADDLE.

Mrs. J. C. Buist, explaining at Dundee the objects of the College of Nursing, Ltd., said, "there seemed sometimes to be a lack of the proper spirit which nurses should have, and when one considered that a nurse had the souls as well as the bodies of her patients in her hands, it seemed that any one who undertook nursing as a means of making a livelihood had no right to be in the profession." Cannot the College authorities prevent their advocates talking such twaddle? The trained nurse, like every other class of professional worker, has a right to be self-supporting. Sweating and doles must, in the future, be severely discouraged.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture in the ballroom at Buckingham Palace on December 3rd, when his Majesty conferred the following decorations:—

BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Louisa Tulloh, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Elsie Schafer, Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Miss Marie Gilkes-Robinson, T.F.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Q.A.I.M.N.S.—Miss Mary Tawney, Mrs. Nina Wynne. Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Miss Kezia Hawkins, Miss Helen Macdonald, Miss Susanna O'Halloran, Miss Daisy Rollo, Miss Emilie Rutledge, Miss Muriel Smith, Miss Mary Storey, Miss Constance Strange, Miss Amy Stuart, Miss Mary Tate, Miss Annie Thomas, Miss Ellen Walsh, Miss Mary Ward, Mrs. Ethel Watkins (also to receive the Military Medal), Miss Iris Withers. T.F.N.S.—Miss Janet Prentice, Miss Mina Walley. C.N.S.—Miss Marcia Conway-Gordon, Miss Anne O'Donoghue. V.A.D.—Miss Irene Cohen, Miss Aglala Ionides, Miss Amy Rohde, Miss Dorothy Seymour, Miss Jessie Spokes.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Louisa Wilkinson, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

The King also held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on December 4th, and conferred the following order and decorations:—

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

MEMBERS.

Staff Nurse Barbara Banks, T.F.N.S.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Q.A.R.N.N.S.—Sister Mary Hocking. Q.A.R.N.S.R.—Sister Nance McKay, Sister Maud Symonds, Miss Harriet Wells, Miss Janet Williams. R.N.M.S.—Miss Sarah Smith. Q.A.I.M.N.S.—Miss Katharine Broade, Mary, Mrs. Dormer, Miss Helen Fox. Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.—Miss Ethel Clark, Miss Sylvia Corby, Miss Jessie Edgar, Miss Alice MacLean, Mary, Mrs. Mair, Miss Mary McGeown, Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Margaret Thomson. T.F.N.S.—Miss Mary Coupar, Miss Alice Sampson, Miss Maud Smith. B.R.C.S.—Miss Lucy Brooks, Miss Fanny Pease. V.A.D.—Miss Edith Meeson, Bertha, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Dorice Kettlewell, Miss Dorothy Newell, Miss Ethel Owen, Miss Kathleen Parker, Margaret, Mrs. Tolhurst.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Leila Thomson, T.F.N.S.

Queen Alexandra received, on December 4th at Marlborough House, the members of the Naval and Military Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross and the Military

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