

made to nurses to meet temporary distress or emergency. Recoverable advances may be made to nurses pending the receipt of moneys due, or which the Special Grants Committee consider may become due, from the State in respect of pension-gratuity or other payment, provided that such advances shall only be made in cases of real necessity.

Where the parent, brother, or sister of a nurse is deprived by her death, in circumstances arising from service during the war, of any regular support which the parent, brother, or sister was receiving from the nurse before or during the war, or might reasonably have expected to receive from the nurse after the war, a supplementary or special allowance may be granted, which, with any State pension which may have been awarded, shall not exceed the actual or prospective dependence, and shall not exceed the total of £60 a year.

When a nurse, by reason of disablement arising from service during the war, is unable adequately to maintain her children, or where a nurse dies in consequence of war service, allowances for maintenance and education, not exceeding in amount those which may be paid under the Royal Warrant of the Special Grants Committee's Regulations for the maintenance and education of the children of a disabled or deceased officer, may be granted if the husband or widower of the nurse is dead or if the committee are satisfied that he cannot be expected to support the children.

Applications for allowances or grants should be headed "S.G.O." and addressed to the Secretary Special Grants Committee, Officers' Branch, Millbank House, Westminster, S.W. 1.

There is now no excuse whatever for using our war nurses as the stalking horse for Shilling Doles for Nurses, and the sooner this camouflaged appeal for the College of Nursing Company is stopped the better.

DOWN WITH DOLES.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Shilling Fund for Nurses has failed as such—and now it is dropping its demand for the "shining shilling" from the poor, and states that "it is upon the larger donations of the wealthier members of the community, and the important business firms, that the success of the scheme must ultimately depend." "Tommy of our alley," Sergeants' Messes, and other inexcusable sources are being tapped, and the College Matrons are whipping up their nursing staffs by every means in their power, and thus incidentally submerging the professional nurse into a subservient class.

We heard the whole matter discussed in the Lobby of the House of Commons recently, and what an astute M.P. wanted to know was—

(1) If the Nation's Fund for Nurses is a registered War Charity—1917, why has not the Committee issued its audited accounts and Balance Sheet? Ask Viscountess Cowdray.

(2) Why the London County Council, which is

responsible for the War Charities Act, has permitted this evasion of the law? Ask Sir James Bird.

(3) Why the Shop for Nurses in North Audley Street is also permitted to trade in contravention of the War Charities Act? Ask the paid sales-woman-in-charge.

(4) As the *Daily Telegraph* appeal is "made with the approval of the Council of the Registered War Charity, known as the Nation's Fund for Nurses," as stated in its columns, why has it been permitted to evade the law for a month?

(5) Does "Nurse Juliet" exist? If not, was the *Daily Telegraph* justified in publishing a fictitious appeal in her name, and inducing the public to subscribe money for her non-existent necessities?

Ask Viscount Burnham, Proprietor, and the Editor of the *D.T.*

And if all these people refuse to give full information concerning a Public Fund raised in the name of Nurses against their convictions, ask the House of Commons, and demand an investigation into the whole matter. It is high time.

John Bull has a pithy par *re* the dual appeal for distressed nurses and the College of Nursing Company. It thinks with us that as nurses are now to be registered by Act of Parliament, the appeal is degrading and, of course, agrees that if the nurses have failed in health in the service of the State, it is the State's duty to treat them generously. It adds: "It is incumbent upon the Government to do immeasurably more in the way of unemployment donation for the noble women who have suffered in consequence of their war work than for the munition-makers who received good pay for years."

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Miss Alice Reeves, President of the Irish Nurses' Association, will be "At Home" on March 17th, at the Nurses' Home, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Kingsbridge, Dublin, when a social gathering of the Irish Nurses' Association will be held. The result of the election for the Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, and Executive Committee of the Association will be declared during the evening.

RANK FOR NURSES.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley, Counsel of the Committee to Secure Rank for American Military Nurses. She has worked splendidly, and it is just announced that Rank for Nurses is included among the provisions of the Bill for the reorganisation of the U.S. Army, introduced by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and immediately referred to the full Senate Military Affairs Committee. Let us hope that justice will now be done.

Had our Sisters and Nurses the rank of Army officers they would have received very different treatment in the Army pay sheet terms during and since the Great War.

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