

a well-known Leicestershire grazier, have expressed a wish to provide a worthy memorial at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and have indicated their readiness to contribute a sum of not less than £20,000 (it may be more) for a building to be called the "Langham" Memorial.

The Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem have granted a sum of £10,000 for the provision of an Orthopædic Ward or additional accommodation for nurses.

The Committee of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prisoners' of War Parcels Fund have generously granted from a balance of moneys in their hands £10,000 to be used for the general purposes of the Infirmary—particularly emphasising the need for treatment of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

The net result of the year's finances shows a deficiency of £2,762 2s. 1d., a very small sum considering the rise in every direction of hospital upkeep in these difficult times.

The Board wish the Matron, Miss Vincent, and those under her to realise that they appreciate the great strain of keeping things right during the period of the war, and feel that the whole community is indebted to them.

The late Sir Edward Walter Green, Bart., whose estate was valued at £350,000, left his nurse, Miss Firth, £100.

The Scottish Women's Hospital at Belgrade is closing shortly, but we hear that there is plenty of work for trained nurses in Serbia. We have to thank a F.F.N.C. Sister now working there for some very interesting photographs.

Mrs. Strong, ex-President of the Scottish Nurses' Association, writes from the "Garden Tomb, Jerusalem":—"I am having a most interesting time, though primitive. It is wonderful what has been accomplished since our occupation—making of roads, planting trees, securing open spaces, &c., this outside the walls, of course. The city proper is a series of narrow lanes, every one apparently a market; much has been done in the way of cleansing. The Temple area is within the walls, which is difficult to realise. You come upon it suddenly from one of the narrow streets, and feel lost in its immensity. The Mosque of Omar, beautiful in itself, is rather a blot, out of place. Abraham's rock, which it surrounds, would be much more effective exposed.

"Where I am staying is supposed to be the Garden of Arimathea. Certainly the position,

outside the wall and near to Golgotha, lends itself to the idea. These journeyings will make a very pleasant ending to my busy life, and give me much food for reflection. I may go on to Ceylon for Christmas, returning home next summer. Warmest congratulations on what you and your earnest band of workers have accomplished."

Viscountess Astor, M.P., Sir Francis Champneys, and others, are appealing in the press for £8,000 to convert a suitable house into a Nursing Home for persons unable to pay the usual fees. The expenses are to be partially reduced by gratuitous nursing by members of a Church of England Sisterhood with proper nursing qualifications. We learn that a new Sisterhood is being inaugurated, which is to have trained nursing as its primary object—a Nursing Sisterhood, in fact. It is wonderful how we *revenons à nos moutons!* The Roman Church has had Nursing Sisterhoods for centuries—devoid of scientific teaching. Charity without Science is little use to the sick in these days. Hence the new departure. We presume the Sisters will all be "Registered Nurses," or their work will not inspire confidence.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses are to hold a meeting at King George's Hall, Tottenham Court Road, on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.30 p.m., the first big meeting since it was registered as a trades-union.

At a meeting of nurses in training held in Melbourne recently, the following resolution was carried:—

"That in view of the long hours of service, the number of years of training, and the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the large public hospitals which nurses have to endure, this meeting resolves to take the necessary steps to have the Association of Nurses in Training registered under the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act, in order that a plaint may be prepared for submission to the Court at an early date."

The Hon. Secretary, Sister A. F. Darling, was empowered to sign all documents essential for the purpose of the resolution.

It was also reported at the meeting that there was a movement on foot in New South Wales to bring the conditions of public hospital nursing into line with the reforms contemplated in the Victorian Nurses' Registration Bill.

New Zealand nurses who have had the benefit of State Registration since 1901 wish us all success now our long delayed Act is in force. They note with pleasure the reciprocity clause.

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