

sheets into the Leicester factories appealing for single shillings in support of the *Daily Telegraph* appeal for indigent nurses and the College of Nursing, Ltd. What are the members of the Royal Infirmary Leicester Nurses' League doing to counteract this humiliation? Surely something.

We are glad to learn that the Dutch nurses are hopeful that a Nurses' Registration Act will soon become law in Holland, and that copies of the English Acts, supplied to their National Council by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, have been of great assistance to them. The late Mrs. Hampton Robb, of honoured memory, was a strong believer in a uniform international standard of nursing; and by consultation, through national organisations of nurses, as Acts of Parliament are passed in the various countries, through the Governing Bodies set up it will be possible to define a curriculum of nursing education common to all countries where trained nursing is organised.

Before very long, no doubt, the General Nursing Council will be in the throes of debate over the question of a registered nurse's uniform. We know that the Private Nursing World is deeply interested in the subject, and, indeed, well they may be, to judge from the caricatures of nursing costume we daily meet in the street. We recently disqualified an applicant for R.N.S. because she wore petticoats up to her knees, and what may be termed "spaniel's ears," curliwigs of hair, dabbed on to her cheeks. We told her a nurse should look like a nurse—that is, a tidy, modest person—if she wished to inspire confidence, even with silly people. This she evidently thought old-fashioned twaddle, and indignantly withdrew.

The question of a registered uniform is also exercising our colleagues at the Antipodes, and "Sartor" writes in *Una* to suggest reform in same:—

"Since the registration of nurses' uniform is under discussion, I think it a suitable time to suggest reform in same. Something more simple than the present cap, belt, cuffs, apron, collar would be welcomed by many. The laundering in country hospitals, both private and public, also in private nursing, is often a source of much trouble, so much so that I have seen articles of uniform worn much longer than could be considered hygienic. I have heard many nurses condemn the handkerchief cap as worn at present. In my opinion it should not be worn by anyone doing actual nursing. I would suggest a gown

similar to the one usually worn in the operating room, and a cap that covers the hair completely. The gown to be left behind when the nurse goes to her meals, a presentable washing dress to be worn underneath, the sleeves of dress to be turned back and pinned till the nurse goes off duty; cap also to be left when off duty. Uniform as described could be changed more frequently without much strain on the laundry."

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

His Majesty the King bestowed the following decorations at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, April 22nd:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Annie Wilson.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Mrs. Ethel McEwan, Miss Jean Orr, and Miss Jane Trotter.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Elizabeth Kerr.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Gladys Parry, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Miss Elizabeth Beet, Mrs. Jane Howe, Miss Ella MacFadden, Miss Rosina MacMorland, Miss Edith Porter, Miss Annie Ridley, and Miss Ida Tuxford.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Beatrice Blakeley, Miss Katie Cooper, Miss Winifred Hooper, Miss Battiscombe Mustard, and Miss Frances Richardson.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Annie Clapham, Miss Dora Harries, and Miss Alice Scruton.

British Red Cross Society.—Miss Alice Burfield, Miss Mabel Pepper, Miss Nellie Pickersgill, and Miss Lalla Poole.

Civil and War Hospitals.—Miss Annie Dawson and Miss Ruth Thompson.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Mrs Nancy Hick and Miss Dorothea Sutherland of Forse.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the Military and Civil Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Miss A. B. Smith, R.R.C. (Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service) was also received by Her Majesty.

At the eighth annual conference of the National Health Convention of the Association of Approved Societies, held in London on April 10th, it was resolved that the time had come when the "panel system" and all public health services should be substituted by a comprehensive State medical service, securing to the whole population, at the national expense, the most efficient and complete service that medical, surgical, and dental science could offer.

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