

nursing, and is one of the most potent factors resulting in the shortage of probationers. These Homes we know to be well managed, although a certain number of women are admitted who should not accept public charity.

The reunion of the past and present nurses of the Firvale Hospital, Sheffield, took place recently, when they were entertained by the matron, Mrs. A. C. Lawson, R.R.C., in the nurses' home. The entertainment took the form of a garden party, supplemented by music, games and dancing. Many of the guests were the first probationers of the matron, who has held that office for 26 years, and whose term of office has been of the utmost value to the hospital—and the nursing school.

The late Mr. William H. Anderson, of Hanover Terrace, London, left £200 to Nurse Madeline Anne Brown, of Newry, Ireland, and £100 to Sister Mary Pulham, of the Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Langham Street, W.

The Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association gets a legacy of £500 under the will of the late Mr. Ralph Langton Neilson.

A conference of trained nurses of the northern countries was held at Stockholm from September 6th to 10th, in order to discuss the questions of an eight-hour day, co-operation between the northern countries, and nurses' salaries. It is now eight years since trained nurses held an International Conference in Cologne in 1912. Then delegates from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland foregathered—with the representatives of twenty other countries—a meeting which, it is to be feared, will not be equalled in sisterly spirit for many years to come.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

Miss Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, reports that applications for affiliation have been received from National Associations of Trained Nurses from Norway, Belgium, Italy and China. This is most hopeful, as evidence of the renaissance of international sympathy in the Nursing World, and of the determination of trained nurses to govern their own international relations—a wise decision.

The enlargement of the mind, and the expansion of the outlook, which comes from international association is limitless.

## HONOURS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

### MÉDAILLE DE LA RECONNAISSANCE FRANÇAISE.

By decrees of the President of the French Republic, dated April 1st and 30th, and May 1st and 5th, 1920, issued on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and on the advice, in conformity with this, of the Committee dealing with the Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française (Medal of the Gratitude of the French) dated March 6th, 12th, 19th, and 24th, and April 14th, 21st, and 23rd, 1920, the Medal has been conferred on the following members of the French Flag Nursing Corps:—

#### CITATIONS.

##### SILVER-GILT.

**Addison, Miss Clementine**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from April, 1915, to April 1916. Contracted blood-poisoning during her service and died two months after. Was highly appreciated and is deeply regretted.

**Lind, Miss Lily**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from October, 1914, to October, 1916; a devoted, zealous and most capable nurse. Went through the artillery bombardments at Bergues in 1915. While engaged in nursing infectious cases contracted pulmonary tuberculosis; returning to her country (New Zealand), died on the way.

**Nairne, Miss Margaret Stuart**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from December, 1914; gave proof of great self-denial and courage in the various sections to which she was attached. Head nurse at the Hospital of Talence; helped with the surgical service. She suffered aerial bombardments with calmness. When engaged in nursing the gassed, she contracted pulmonary tuberculosis.

##### SILVER.

**Bennett, Miss Ellen**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from November, 1914, to the end of hostilities. Very devoted and very courageous, bore with *sang-froid* the violent bombardment of Fismes and at the retreat of Jouaignes, was an example of self-sacrifice. Attracted the sympathy of all around her.

**Burn, Miss Florence**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from November, 1914, to the end of hostilities. In this long period of service, proved herself very devoted, very kind and generous. Suffered several bombardments in the region of Dunkirk. Gained by her praiseworthy conduct the gratitude of her superiors.

**Campbell, Miss Jean McGibbon**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from July, 1915, to the end of hostilities. Carried out with courage and devotion the various tasks with which she was entrusted. Acquired a great influence over the wounded and lavished upon them great moral support. Preserved an invariable *sang-froid* in the midst of the bombardments of Compiègne, Royalieu and Rezon-sur-Matz.

**Hallam, Mrs. Sarah**, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from November, 1914, to the end of hostilities. In this long period of service, was very devoted, very kind and generous. Suffered several bombardments in the district of Dunkirk.

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