

devotion. Her extreme kindness gained for her the esteem of everyone.

Wood, Miss Adine Frances Harvey, of British nationality, certificated nurse; served from June, 1916, to the end of the war in an ambulance at the front; distinguished herself by giving her assistance in nursing infectious cases, and took part in the retreat of Vauxboin; also rendered greatly appreciated services at Pontoise, in a surgical service.

It will, we feel sure, be a great consolation to the parents of the late Sister Addison and Sister Lind (Registered Nurses' Society), to receive the Gold Medal of Gratitude from the French nation, and we congratulate Sister Stuart Nairne on this recognition of her devoted services to France.

Sisters Bennett, Jarmard, Mitchell and Simpson belonged to the Scottish Units, and Sisters O'Leary and Park to the Irish Units.

The following Queen's Nurses well deserved honourable recognition: Sisters Macaulay, Mitchell, Park, Perkins, Turnell and Willetts. Sister Carmichael is a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, and Sister Hitchcock (New Zealand) was also sent to France by that Society. Sister M. MacIntyre was selected by the National Association of Canadian Nurses. There are still many other members of the Corps who have been highly recommended for this honourable decoration and we hope to be able to announce later that their devoted services have received the recognition they so well deserve.

The highly skilled services of the Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps made a deep impression on the Service de Santé throughout the war. It was the only Service which maintained the three years' certificated standard of training.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The Nurses' Missionary League has arranged Devotional Meetings to be held on Thursday, September 16th, at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, S.W. The day will begin with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and the morning and afternoon meetings will be from 10.30 to 12.30, and from 3 to 4.30. They will be conducted by the Rev. M. H. Richmond, M.A., whose addresses will be on the subjects: "God Creator and Father, Giving to Us Creating Power"; "Jesus Christ, the Explanation of God and of Man"; "Holy Spirit, the Gift of God's Spirit Within." All Nurses are cordially invited to attend.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Provisional Committee of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses met for the first time after the summer vacation on Wednesday, September 8th, at 5.30 p.m. There was a very full and important programme of work for the autumn and winter.

The meeting of the Public Health Section is called for Friday, September 10th, at 5.30 p.m., to discuss the salaries of trained nurses in Public Health Work.

A BURNING QUESTION.

THE NURSE SHORTAGE.

There is a world shortage of young women willing to train as professional nurses, and the following report submitted by the President of the Canadian Association of Nursing Education, Miss Elizabeth G. Flaws, advocates a publicity crusade.

"The Canadian Association of Nursing Education, which I have the honour to represent, has for its objects the advancement of the educational standards of nursing and the development and maintenance of the highest ideals of the nursing profession.

"The health and welfare of the nation is dependent largely upon the supply of trained and efficient nurses. From authoritative information presented here to-day from all the provinces of the Dominion, it is shown that there is an increasing demand for nurses who are qualified to undertake public health work. Where are these nurses to come from?

"Before the last annual meeting of our association we submitted to the hospitals throughout Canada a questionnaire. From this we found that in every province there was a shortage of both graduates and probationers.

"The chief reasons for the existing shortage are:—

"1. Opportunities in banks and other branches of business which require shorter hours.

"2. Unattractive work as regards hours, length of time in training, and lack of remuneration.

"3. Not large enough percentage of girls taking high school training. Hospitals have grown unproportionately to the supply of suitable candidates.

"4. Unattractive living conditions.

"The very existence of our training schools is being threatened by this shortage of applicants. To remedy this, we must have:

"1. Adequate financial support.

"2. Shorter hours (consequently more students).

"3. Better housing conditions.

"4. The course of training for the students must be reconstructed so as to allow more time in the third year in executive training for administrative duties and for public health work.

"5. The small training schools which have not the facilities for giving this additional training in the third year should be affiliated with the larger schools which have them.

"The assistance which the Red Cross, with its splendid organisation, can render is:

"1. Bringing the profession of nursing before the public and high school pupils, so as to insure a sufficient number of candidates with suitable educational requirements. This must be brought prominently to the attention of such pupils by means of scholarships.

"2. By providing a nurse specially qualified to present the advantages of the nursing profession

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