

## THE CANADIAN NURSING MISSION TO RUMANIA.

According to the *Canadian Gazette*, the Canadian Nursing Mission to Rumania, consisting of one matron, five certificated nurses, one masseuse and one dietitian, will sail from Canada on November 3rd for a sojourn of two years in Rumania. The Queen of Rumania has provided for their accommodation a nursing home completely furnished, and Dr. Mamulee, the King's physician, will take charge of the arrangements in Bucharest, where the hospital is to be maintained.

The mission has been organised, to introduce modern nursing methods in Rumania, pioneer work, to help in reorganising hospitals, to train educated Rumanian women to become efficient nurses, also to fit them for social service work, to demonstrate the dignity and usefulness of nursing and its suitability as a profession for gentlewomen; to create a bond of interest and sympathy between Canada and Rumania, to lay the foundation of permanent institutions throughout Rumania. The reason for its organisation are as follows:

Extreme and urgent need in Rumania. Owing to the ending of war activities here many desire to continue work in foreign countries, and a great field will be opened up. Rumania is engaged in reconstruction work, and it is the moment to introduce modern methods.

Canada's great prestige since the war will assure them a warm reception. Letters received from prominent personages in Rumania state that they regard the founding of such an institution as the greatest blessing that could be conferred upon Rumania to-day.

All the nurses are Canadian born, and include Mme. Ethel Greening Pentazzil organiser of the mission; Miss Dorothy Cotton, Matron, graduate of Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal), served as Nursing Sister in England and France, with the Anglo-American Unit at Petrograd, acting Matron at the I.O.D.E. Officers' Hospital (London), Matron, Camp Hill Hospital (N.S.); Miss Helen Kendall, graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal), surgical Nurse, served in England and France with the Canadian Hospital Unit; Miss Jean Baldwin Grahame, graduate of the Montreal General Hospital, served in France with the C.A.M.C., and afterwards acted as Superintendent of hospital at Davisville, Ont.; Miss Olive Fitzgibbon, graduate Royal Victoria Hospital (Montreal), served in France with the C.A.M.C., certificate for teaching French; Miss Garfield Mackay, graduate Newport Hospital, went to France with Post Unit, went to Rumania with Carrel Unit; Miss Margaret Killmaster, Specialist in Obstetrics, graduate Philadelphia General Hospital, served in France; Miss Clare Carter, Dietitian, graduate Winnipeg General Hospital and Boston Cooking School, served in France.

## LEGAL MATTERS.

A very cruel hoax was perpetrated by Doris Buchanan, motor driver of Halifax, which had its sequel at the Chester Assizes on October 22nd, when the accused pleaded guilty to perjury at Wallasey, Cheshire, by stating in a case in which she was defendant that she was wounded by shrapnel while serving as a nurse abroad, and in consequence was compelled to use crutches.

It was stated in evidence that the real cause for the crutches was that the prisoner suffered from rheumatism.

In April of the present year, representing herself to be a nurse of "Manchester Hospital," she called on the parents of four soldiers reported missing, and told them their sons were in hospital at Manchester suffering from loss of memory or insanity.

She had been going about the country collecting money, and pretending she had been wounded on active service. She had also obtained money from the Red Cross Society at Liverpool under false pretences, and had twice been convicted of wearing military decorations (at Aldershot and Wallasey).

The prisoner said she did not ask for money, but generally received presents for bringing good news. She was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Another case of swindling by a bogus nurse was also before the Courts last week.

## HAPPY THOUGHTS.

Substantial money prizes are being offered by the War Seal Foundation for the best description of its work.

The Competition is titled "Happy Thoughts," and is one in which the whole of the family circle can unite with pleasure.

Full particulars will be sent gratis by The Secretary, The War Seal Foundation, 10, Charing Cross Road, W.C. 2, provided requests are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

The Phrase-making Competition is run by the War Seal Foundation in order to raise money for the building of Self-contained Residential Flats wherein Disabled Service Men can live with their families and obtain for themselves the treatment and after-care necessary to their well-being and comfort.

## TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

*Member General Medical Council:* "State Registration of Nurses is not compulsory. What can you do if you find doctors employing unregistered nurses?"

*Member General Nursing Council:*—"If you employ them I shall report you to the General Medical Council for 'infamous conduct in a professional respect!'"

Joint laughter.

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