

Cocoa, "or any other of the good things I see advertised in the *B.J.N.*" This correspondent reminds us that Christmas is near, and "toys, crackers, oranges and sweets" would be most welcome for an entertainment always arranged for convalescents. We hope this may meet the eye of kind friends and admirers of many Queen's Nurses, and that they may be moved to send gifts in their own districts.

What a pity it is that outsiders will interfere with nursing affairs. The latest movement has been set on foot by Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond, from the Empress Club, agitating for a Star or Medal for women and nurses who worked in France in the early days of the war, independently of British control. Considering the funny people who rushed out on the declaration of war to "nurse" the unfortunate Belgian and French sick and wounded—whose services were not sought after at home—we think "least said, soonest mended"!

The higher education of nurses is receiving encouragement, in spite of the opposition of Poor Law Guardians. The University of Leeds has conferred its Diploma upon Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Leeds General Infirmary, and the first examination for the Diplomat in Nursing is being held this month. The course and examination will cost a nurse £10, so that all the fuss made by their anti-registration employers about a £2 2s. fee to be paid for State Registration by nurses is, of course, fictitious nonsense.

On the invitation of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, the annual meeting of the Sheffield Queen Victoria District Nursing Association was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday.

The annual report says that in the history of any organisation there are periods of storm and periods of quiet. The past seven years have truly been a testing time. All the organisations which could be shaken have been shaken; those that now remain in unimpaired vigour are proved to have life in themselves and to be of enduring value. "Our work remains: it has stood the test of these difficult years. In a voluntary association of this character the question of finance is always pressing its claims to the front, and, in the days in which we are living, the problem of keeping expenditure within income becomes acute. As the debit side of the balance-sheet expands, the credit side contracts, and instead of an amplification

of means there is a shrinkage. This constant consideration of money matters is very sordid, but it is very essential, for a society, to be financially sound, must 'cut its coat according to its cloth.'"

The ordinary income for the year has fallen short of the expenditure by £1,001 13s. 11d., as compared with £270 6s. 2d. last year, and the Council will be grateful for increased or additional subscriptions.

Dr. T. H. A. Valintine, the Director-General of Health in New Zealand, writes in his Report to the Minister of Health for the year ending March 31st, under the heading, "Division of Nursing":—"Miss Maclean's report as the Director of the Division of Nursing is always interesting. Indeed, she may be proud of the results achieved during the past fourteen years. The New Zealand nurse ranks high in many lands, and that New Zealand nurses have achieved such distinction is largely due to the efforts of their devoted Matron-in-Chief."

The following item in Miss Maclean's Report is of special interest:—"The regulations for the Registration of nurses under the three Acts for England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, passed in December, 1919, are still awaited, and therefore applications from nurses arriving from various parts of Great Britain have to be considered apart from reciprocal Registration. It is not desirable that nurses unable to register at Home should be accepted in the Dominion. It has not been found from experience that nurses coming out have been in any way superior to those trained in New Zealand Hospitals."

For services in fighting epidemics, the French War Minister has awarded the silver medal to Miss Marion Mole, head nurse of the Cambrai Ambulance, and the bronze medal to Miss Edith Dansey, a nurse at Bourg Hospital.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that we are unable to award a prize this week, no paper of sufficient merit having been received. This is the more regrettable as the subject is one of great topical interest, namely, "What are the duties of a Sister Tutor, and how best can she be trained to perform them?"

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"You're not looking very well, Mrs. Smith. I think you need a tonic." "Oh, yes! I've not been feeling well, but I'm taking these Iron Jellicoes!"—*From Kai Tiaki.*

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