

was now wrong to be ignorant when education was provided for.

The sisters and nurses of the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, not content to rest on their oars after their strenuous efforts for the big Hospital Bazaar, are desirous of raising £500 to endow a cot in the institution.

Recently, in the nurses' home, the sisters held their first whist drive in aid of the new venture, and about fifty sisters and wives of the honorary medical staff spent a very pleasant evening. The prizes were given by sympathisers with the object of the whist drive.

It is hoped to follow this up with other entertainments. Jumble sales, which are the Infirmary staff's speciality in raising money, are also to be held. In the early part of the winter they raised as much as £50 in an afternoon by this means, and it is hoped that when the appeals are made the public will again be generous with their support.

The Matron, Miss Smeeton, has started a "Mile of Pennies," contributions to which should be sent to her at the Infirmary, and "if you haven't any copper, silver will do!"

Fifteen nurses were appointed on probation at a recent meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians, each agreeing to take the oath of allegiance. They also undertook to be bound by the rules of the Joint Nursing and Midwives' Council for Northern Ireland.

On this subject a report of the Infirmary and Child Welfare Committee stated that they had considered the matter, and recommended: (a) That, since professional certificates were granted for a four-years' course in the Infirmary, and in other hospitals the term was generally three years, the Council should be requested to arrange that the nurses trained in the infirmary should be exempted from the professional examinations until December, 1926. (b) That a qualified sister tutor should be appointed so that the nurses might receive the training and instruction necessary to make them qualify with some hope of success, and that the visiting medical officers should be asked to make inquiries and report as to the qualifications and duties of a sister tutor, and the salary generally being offered for such an appointment.

The report was adopted, and the Committee will make further inquiries into the matter.

In order to commemorate the splendid work of the Scottish hospital between 1915 and 1918 with the British Macedonian Expedition-

ary Force, it has been decided to endow four beds in the women's unit of the Royal Free Hospital.

One bed has already been endowed, and the sum of £3,000 is required for the endowment of the remaining three beds, one of which is to be named in memory of the British Macedonian Expeditionary Force and of those gallant members who fell in that campaign.

All communications and contributions should be sent to the secretary (Miss Dorothy Willis), Scottish Women's Hospitals Association, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.

#### HONOURS: ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on February 22nd, when Miss Robina Paul, of the East African Nursing Service, was decorated with the Royal Red Cross.

#### INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY.

##### THE DUTCH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Dear Friends,—We want to write you and give you our warm sympathy. We followed with eager interest the events regarding the General Nursing Council and the vote, and do understand perfectly your feelings now. You who worked with all your heart and mind for the raising of your profession to see now, the moment of reaching the aim, all thrown over by the unfair proceeding of the adversary.

We understand the more your feeling, because we have in other forms the same difficulties and the same fight; we only never had a moment of victory and success as you had, and have, notwithstanding all. You *have* reached a great deal.

With us, the Syllabus is going to be fixed by the Minister (with influence of the Bond of Ziekenverpleging, the Dutch College of Nursing) without even hearing us or any member of the profession.

It is a very bad Syllabus, and without any power of influence given to members of the profession, not to speak of the associations. All power is given to the doctors. We will try to have it changed, but the chance is very small.

The only thing to do is to double our energy as you will do, we are sure.

We should be much pleased to hear what you are going to do now.

With warmest feelings,

Your comrades and friends,

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