

something of what it has cost to place on record evidence of your training and efficiency—so that in the future you may compete professionally with State Certificated Nurses, and be thankful that for once knowledge and justice prevailed.

Next week I shall place before you the price paid, in this connection, for your professional and economic privileges.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

(To be continued.)

AN INQUISITORIAL QUESTIONNAIRE.

The League of Red Cross Societies, the Headquarters of which are located in Paris, is sending out a most inquisitorial *Questionnaire* to all the National Councils of Trained Nurses, inviting them to fill in, and return the document.

Why? The League, which is, of course, a lay organization, has no doubt useful work to do; but that work does not include interference with National Organizations of Professional Nurses, associated together in the International Council of Nurses, and we doubt if many of these professional bodies, which are autonomous organizations, will recognise that the League of Red Cross Societies has the slightest right to demand detailed information concerning their affairs.

As President of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and Founder of the International Council of Nurses, we consider this *Questionnaire* entirely superfluous, not to say impertinent. We gather that the very considerable cost of the League of Red Cross Societies is largely borne by the American Red Cross, and we suggest that this is an instance in which that body might intimate to Paris Headquarters the value of the Monroe doctrine—so passionately upheld in the United States in its relation to countries outside the American continent, North and South.

The policy of interference with professional nurses' organizations by the League of Red Cross Societies (inspired by Great Britain, no doubt) can only lead to resentment upon their part, and stultify the harmonious relations trained nurses desire to maintain with all humanitarian organisations, such as the Red Cross Societies.

Best withdraw the offensive *Questionnaire*.

DAINTY CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Of proved excellence and purity Messrs. Cadbury's chocolates are always an acceptable gift, and, especially at Christmas, are they desirable, for not only are they popular with old and young for their quality and flavour, but they are presented in such attractive form, that they make much-appreciated Christmas boxes.

We desire to draw special attention to the King George Chocolates and the Regatta Chocolates, put up in half-pound boxes, the one bearing a portrait of His Majesty, and a reproduction of golden coins, (now alas never seen) tied up with red ribbon, and the other tied up with

blue ribbon, bearing a blue medallion, having imprinted upon it a yacht in full sail. Another variety is the half-pound box of Carnival Chocolates and Bournville Chocolate in red and gold wrapper, and Dairy Milk Chocolate in purple and gold, are most attractive.

Do not forget that these may be purchased from disabled ex-service men, trying to eke out a living in the streets in this bitter weather, and be sure that the word Bournville is upon the wrappers.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Easingwold Institution.—Mrs. Alice Thompson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Ecclesall Bierlow Infirmary, and has held a number of Poor-Law appointments. She has recently held the position of Assistant Matron at Holgate, Middlesbrough. She is a Certified Midwife.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W. 1.—Miss Ethel M. Frow, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained and certificated at Charing Cross Hospital, and in Midwifery at the Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women. She has been Ward Sister and Night Sister at Charing Cross Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women.

HOME SISTER AND TUTOR-SISTER.

Warrington Infirmary and Dispensary.—Miss Helen E. Kelly has been appointed Home and Tutor-Sister. She was trained at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where she was Sister. She has also held the positions of Sister at Jenny Lind Hospital for Sick Children, Norwich, and Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and Night Sister at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.

Torbay Hospital, Torbay.—Miss A. E. Wimblett, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Tutor-Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has held the position of Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and has been House-keeping Sister at the General Hospital, Nottingham. She is a Certified Midwife.

SISTER.

St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax.—Miss B. Hay has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, where she has held the position of Sister.

PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

The following members of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service sailed on H.M.T. *Glengorm Castle*, for service abroad, on November 23rd, 1923:—

Sister.—Miss M. S. F. Stewart, Palestine.

Staff Nurses.—Miss E. W. Backley, Aboukir; Misses M. E. Bale, K. M. Beale, D. Mansell, E. M. Featherby, E. M. Burton, F. L. White, A. F. Acheson, J. K. A. Browne, K. I. Sweeney, M. E. Grievson, M. B. Charlesworth, E. M. Morey, Iraq.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hassell is appointed to Northants, as an Assistant Superintendent; Miss Nellie Hewitt, to Erdington; Miss Nellie E. Jones, to Sheerness; Miss Louisa M. Mooney, to Ashby; Miss Louisa Norry, to Fallowfield; Miss Annie Richards, to New Cherryhinton; Miss Florence M. Shimmin, to Glossop; and Miss Jean Toll, to Bury.

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