

again, when monuments all around were smashed and fired by the Huns a few weeks ago. Whatever the cost we feel sure every Bart's nurse, and every Bart's man, would help to defray it. The Nurses' League, with its 1,600 members, could and would deny themselves something in support of so honourable a cause.

Some months ago it was reported in the Press that application had been made to the Government to provide steel hats and respirators for Queen's Nurses, whether general nurses or midwives. We learn that these are not yet forthcoming, and this has caused great disappointment, as it is realised that steel hats especially are a vital necessity for those doing district work. In the near future, a large supply, it is hoped, will be ready, as other services as well as nurses and midwives are waiting for such protection to life.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of Miss Winifred Boyd-Rochfort, the devoted Matron of St. Dunstan's for 21 years. Her voluntary services for the benefit of our blinded soldiers earned for her the title of "The Angel of St. Dunstan's."

She was awarded the O.B.E. in the King's New Year's Honours, and this reached her a few days before she died.

She will be greatly missed at St. Dunstan's, where every man knew and loved her.

We learn that Princess Elizabeth is the first candidate to gain the Royal Life Saving Society's junior artificial respiration award under war conditions; she already holds two of the Society's Awards. Much concentration on the subject is necessary before the test can be passed.

A visit was paid recently to the General Hospital, Northampton, by The Duchess of Gloucester. A guard of honour was formed by members of the Nursing Staff, and the Matron of the hospital, Miss C. E. Nelson, accompanied Her Royal Highness on an inspection of the Resuscitation Ward and the new Chapel in the Nurses' Home.

The Princess Royal revealed in a recent broadcast that one hundred thousand blood donors are still needed. About 11 per cent. of the air-raid casualties of London, when admitted to hospital, require blood transfusion.

By the will of Mrs. Sarah Harriett Coole, of Horsham, Sussex, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, will

receive a substantial legacy. Mrs. Coole bequeathed the residue of her estate of over £31,000 to the Hospital.

If photographs tell the truth, as they sometimes do, the smiling faces of Italian prisoners prove how thankful they are to be fed and clothed, and to escape from the terrible conditions they have endured in Albania—semi-starvation and disease.

It is stated that owing to bad medical services, disease is spreading rapidly, and an outbreak of typhus is reported. We know that nursing standards are primitive in the Italian Army—both in Albania and in Libya.

There is no nationality in nursing, and we may be sure all prisoners who fall into our hands will have the best care possible, even under difficult circumstances.

A NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P., appointed High Commissioner in Canada, has been succeeded as Minister of Health by Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., formerly Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald succeeds as High Commissioner in Canada Sir Gerald Campbell, who was recently appointed Minister at the British Embassy in Washington. He is a National Labour member, and has been Colonial Secretary and Dominions Secretary. The necessary authority will be sought to enable him to retain his seat in Parliament during his term of office.

It is with the Minister of Health that the Nursing Profession comes into intimate touch through the

General Nursing Council, as he has certain powers through the Nurses' Registration Act.

Let us hope we may find Mr. Ernest Brown a man of enlightened views on professional affairs and sound on standards of efficiency.

A WORD FOR ALL TIME.

You that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife
And trust that out of night and death shall rise
The dawn of ampler life:
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart,
That God has given you, for a priceless dower,
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour;
That you may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heaven, their heritage to take:
"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight!
I saw the morning break!"

Sir Owen Seaman, from King Albert's Book.



MISS CATHERINE MCGOVERN, S.R.N.
Awarded the George Medal for gallantry.

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