

Pro Patria.

SEVERAL more Nursing Sisters have died from enteric fever in South Africa, and we are glad to observe that the loss of their valuable lives is meeting with expressions of public regret.

At the monthly meeting of the St. Helens County-Borough Council, Alderman J. Forster, at the outset, asked leave to refer to a resolution passed by the Council two or three months ago, to the effect that all local Volunteers who had gone out for service at the Cape should have their names inscribed in tablet form, and placed in position in the Town Hall. He suggested that that resolution be improved, by the addition of the name of the late Miss Clara Evans, of the Army Nursing staff, who had died at Bloemfontein. Miss Evans was formerly a resident of St. Helens, and she was selected by the Princess of Wales to go on the nursing staff to South Africa. The intention of the Council was to indicate that the Volunteers who had gone out were brave and loyal Englishmen, desirous of serving their country, and he thought the Council would agree that the word "men" might also include women, because Miss Evans and other nurses had gone out to the war with an equally good spirit, and Miss Evans's name might be put on the tablet. They all regretted the loss the town suffered by her death, and he felt that the Council would be pleased to show their sympathy for the family.

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the suggestion.

THE news of the death of Nursing Sister Kate Clayton (*née* Collins) at Bloemfontein from enteric fever will be received with deep regret. Mrs. Clayton was well known in nursing circles in this country, owing to her active interest in nursing organization. She was trained for two years at the General Hospital Cheltenham, from 1880—1882, and subsequently obtained a three years' certificate at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. Her appointment as Home Sister at the St. Helena Home brought her to London, where she did good work until 1895. After obtaining a certificate in monthly nursing at the York Road Lying-in Hospital, and in massage at the National Hospital, Mrs. Clayton did private nursing in England and New Zealand, and latterly in connection with St. Michael's Home, Kimberley, South Africa. She was, therefore, on the spot at the outbreak of the war, and worked in Kimberley during the siege. Several letters have appeared recently from her in the columns of this journal. Our readers will deplore with us the loss of a nursing colleague, and a public spirited woman.

The Incorporation of Trained Masseuses.

WE are informed that application has been made to the Board of Trade, by ladies connected with the Society of Trained Masseuses, at 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, for permission to incorporate a Society of Trained Masseuses, the objects of which have been published in the *Times* as follows:—

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APPLICATION for a LICENCE of the BOARD of TRADE.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of the 23rd Section of the Companies Act, 1867, APPLICATION has been made to the Board of Trade for a LICENCE directing an Association about to be formed, under the name of the INCORPORATED SOCIETY of TRAINED MASSEUSES, to be registered with Limited Liability, without the addition of the word "Limited," to its name.

The objects for which the Association is proposed to be established are:—To do all or any of the following things for the purpose of attaining the objects if and so far as allowed by law, and observing and performing whatever may be required by law in order legally to carry out such objects.

- (1) To improve the status and training of masseuses.
- (2) To provide for the examination and the granting of Certificates to masseuses that they have passed the examination held on behalf of the Society, provided that the Society shall not grant diplomas or titles, and that every certificate given shall express on the face of it that it merely expresses the result of an examination held on behalf of the Society.
- (3) To keep a roll of members.
- (4) To establish a registry for members and a centre of information for the public on matters connected with massage.
- (5) To arrange lectures, provide a reference library, and afford opportunities for the discussion of subjects of interest and importance to masseuses.
- (6) To provide an organization to which members have a right to apply for advice and help in professional difficulties.
- (7) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, including provision for the carrying on and management of a club or clubs for trained masseuses and the establishment of institutes for trained masseuses and generally the doing of all things necessary to promote the efficiency, improvement, comfort, and welfare of trained masseuses, provided that any such club or institute shall expressly prohibit the sale or supply of intoxicating liquors.

Provided also that in case the Association shall take or hold any property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales the Association shall not sell, mortgage, charge, or lease the same without such consent as may be required by law, and as regards any such property the Managers

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