

his country. I do not write without knowing how our wounded soldiers feel about the scraps of metal which might have caused their deaths, and other "inconsiderable items" brought from the field of battle, as I have for some weeks come into intimate touch with such feeling in a hospital for sick and wounded where I have recently been working:

I am, dear Madam,
Yours sincerely,
ANNIE E. HULME
Hon. Secretary Matrons' Council.

[We shall be pleased to hear the opinion of others on this question.—Ed.]

THE DANGER OF IGNORANT INTERFERENCE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was glad to see the letter from the Duchess of Bedford in last week's issue. Many nurses resent the assumption of authority over them of women of high social standing, because they never take the trouble to study nursing conditions; and the majority depreciate our standard and term of training, as under the County Nursing Associations. If lay women touch our profession, they should study its ethics and economics; this the majority will not take the trouble to do.

Yours truly,
A QUEEN'S NURSE.

THE WISEST WOMAN IN LONDON.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—If the anti-registration party had had their way, the Volunteer Corps, the Territorial Force Nursing Service, would never have been in existence when War was declared. Lord Knutsford opposed it, going so far—it was reported at the time—as to tell the Lady Mayoress, who initiated the movement, at the Mansion House, that "she was the wickedest woman in London," for helping to organize it. No one can deny to-day that this Volunteer Service is of the utmost national value—twenty-three hospitals for our wounded, containing together well over 12,000 beds, being staffed, through its agency, with the best matrons and nurses in the Kingdom.

The opinion of the "antis" on State Registration is equally reactionary and obstructive. Let Parliament note the fact and discredit it.

Yours, &c.,
A MEMBER OF BART.'S LEAGUE.

[We think this Lady Mayoress has proved to be one of the wisest women in London.—Ed.]

UNION IS STRENGTH.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Your footnote to "Winifred Holiday's" letter, *re* the reduction of Red Cross Nurses' fees is the very truth. Professional women must unite if they are to work under just

conditions. I am glad you mentioned "nurses in England" as falling in *esprit de corps*, because in Ireland and Scotland the Matrons have set the rank and file a good example, and we have quite a fair amount of professional feeling amongst us in Dublin, and have, as you know, the entire sympathy of the Irish Party in our demand for a Registration Bill, and we are hoping, under a new *régime*, for Viceregal influence on our side, which we have had against us for the past decade.

Yours sincerely,
IRISH SISTER.

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have been much interested in your series of "True Tales with a Moral," in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Could you find space for yet another?

A member of a V.A.D. went to a hospital, to visit a woman who had gone there for an operation shortly after the birth of her baby. The baby died at home, while the mother was in the hospital. Before seeing the mother, the member of the V.A.D. said to the nurse in the ward, "Does Mrs. ——— know that her baby is dead?"

Nurse: "I am sure I don't know; that is nothing to do with me. I am here to get her well as quickly as possible."

Did that nurse consider that a nurse's work ends with the care of the body?

Yours faithfully,

C. M. J.

NOTICE.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corps, from the country can be interviewed by arrangement with Lady Barclay, 60, Nevein Square, S.W.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday and Saturday this week, and on Monday next week from 2.30 to 5 p.m. to interview candidates (opposite Selfridge).

Candidates must be well educated, hold a three years' certificate of training, and if possible speak some French. Nurses who speak fluent French are required as Supervisors.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

February 20th.—What is Septic Pneumonia; how should it be treated?

February 27th.—Name important adverse symptoms to be carefully watched for in scarlet fever, and state the significance of each.

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