

## TRUTH WILL OUT.

In our issue of April 3rd, 1915, we asked the proprietors of the *Nursing Times* if the lady who edits that publication was the German lady known as Miss Swanhilde Bulau, who had lived in England under the assumed name of Bulan, and who was naturalised as a British subject on November 10th last. We stated that we considered that the nursing profession had a right to a straightforward reply from Messrs. Macmillan, the part proprietors and publishers of the journal in question.

A reply to this simple question was refused.

In our issue of April 17th we commented on this significant silence, and felt it our duty to add that we should be compelled to deal with the matter at length in a future issue.

On May 1st we remarked, under the heading "British Nurses Treated with Contempt," that Macmillan & Co. had had ample time in which to inform the Nursing Profession whether or no the Miss Bulan who edits the *Nursing Times* was a lady of German parentage of the name of Bulau who had been living in England under an assumed name, and who had been naturalised since war was declared. We also drew attention to the fact that this unprofessional alien was in close collaboration with the Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, who has an office at the War Office. We pointed out that patriotic nurses and advertising firms were not compelled to subsidise a journal which might be controlled by a German lady. We advised British nurses no longer to tolerate the contemptuous silence of the proprietors of the *Nursing Times* on this vital question.

Thus for a whole month Messrs. Macmillan kept silence in their organ for nurses, and we could but draw the conclusion that they dare not answer our straight question with a simple Yes or No.

But the penny press does not depend for its profit on the halfpennies which filter into its coffers through the newsagent. Its commercial success depends upon the support of its clientèle of advertisers. If British nurses could be treated with contemptuous silence not so the British advertiser, and on May 10th Macmillan & Co. felt compelled to address a circular to the firms and others whose good money finances their paper.

We learn from this document that Miss Bulan, the editor of the *Nursing Times* "was naturalised as a British subject in New Zealand twenty-five years ago (1890)," and "Some time after the outbreak of war Miss Bulan, acting on the advice of the Colonial Office, decided to go through the formality of taking out letters of naturalisation in England, and this was accordingly done in November, 1914."

The facts are that Herr Bulau, a German subject, and father of the editor of the *Nursing Times*, was naturalised in New Zealand in 1890, but there was not sufficient proof when war broke out that his daughter was a British subject in England, and was not, in fact, still a German and

a subject of the Kaiser, and she was compelled, to avoid supervision, to naturalise under her own name of Bulau in this country.

We observe that in the Macmillan circular our question why has the Editor of the *Nursing Times* been working in England under an assumed name, is not answered, and as to this lady of German parentage deciding to conform to "the formality of taking out letters of naturalisation in England," she had no choice in the matter if she desired still to pose as a British woman. We refer her employers to the results of recent riots at home and abroad if they desire to realise how British-born subjects resent such insolent condescension on the part of persons of enemy origin.

### THE TRUTH.

The truth is, therefore, that the untrained editor of the *Nursing Times* is a Miss Swanhilde Bulau, of German parentage and enemy origin, who was naturalised in England on the 10th of November, 1914, three months after the declaration of war, but who has not since been denationalised in Germany, and her case, with others, will probably be considered by the tribunal to be set up by the Government to define the status of persons naturalised since the war.

We call upon the proprietors of the *Nursing Times* to make these facts clear to their readers and advertisers in the next issue.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Military Hospital, Bristol.**—Many nurses will learn with interest that Miss A. C. Gibson, for so many years Matron of the Dudley Road Infirmary, Birmingham, is to be Matron of a new Military Hospital at Bristol. Appointments on the staff will undoubtedly be very popular with former Birmingham Infirmary nurses.

### NURSE MATRON.

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Seaham Harbour.**—Miss Mary Annie Hood has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, and the Wolverhampton Borough Hospital, and was District Nurse in Seaham for four and a half years, and Matron at Seaham Infirmary for two and a half years.

### LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Public Health Department of the London County Council recommended to the L.C.C. at its meeting on May 11th, subject to her fulfilling the usual requirements, that Miss Agnes Elizabeth Maud Aston be appointed a school nurse in the Public Health Department. The vacancy is caused by the resignation of Miss A. C. Proctor.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Jane Davies is appointed to Gloucester, Miss Hannah Griffiths to Glossop, Miss Marion Hall to Dullingham, Miss Gladys Roberts to Christchurch, Malvern.

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