

"SLUR ON THEIR PATRIOTISM."

Miss Mary Macleod Moore—the eminent Canadian journalist, Chairman of Council of the Society of Women Journalists—has done the nursing profession in this country great service in placing before the public in this week's *Sunday Times*, just what we professional nurses feel about the appeal for charity made upon our behalf by the College of Nursing, Ltd., in this time of national need and agony. Under the heading of "Ladies of the Lamp," "Slur on Their Patriotism," Miss Macleod Moore touches the right note every time. "Like the silent Navy," she writes, "the British Nurse does not advertise."

"Quietly, unostentatiously, without roll of drums or blowing of trumpets, she goes on her busy round of healing the wounded and the sick, comforting the dying, and listening to the last words of the men far from their kith and kin. She is one of the bulwarks of the nation in peace as in war."

"They ask nothing from the public but independence, justice and a decent living wage—yet, in their name, and without the sanction of many organized nurses' societies, charity has been demanded for them."

"Charity is an ugly word, and there is no other."

Miss Macleod Moore proves that *now is not the time* for the College of Nursing to beg for benevolence for nurses when thousands of our sick and wounded need help.

She touches on economic conditions and compares the poor pay of military nurses in Britain with that of Canadian, Australasian, and New Zealand war nurses, and trenchantly remarks, "Raising a fund in connection with the College of Nursing does not strike at the root of the matter."

This excellent article concludes—

"Many hospital committees—with a few exceptions composed entirely of men—are supporting the College, and their matrons and nurses generally follow suit. No one doubts the good intentions of those promoting the College of Nursing and the benevolent fund, but the former would be of more genuine value and would receive wider support if the nurses themselves had a powerful voice in organizing their own profession, and shared the responsibilities which are calculated to touch intimately their economic condition."

THE COST OF THE WAR.

We hope those who in our name have appealed for benevolence for the "Nation's Nurses" have read Mr. Henderson's estimate of the cost of death and disaster resulting from the war.

Here are the figures:—

Killed and wounded, forty-six millions.

Killed, seven millions.

Expenditure, nine thousand million pounds! Imagine the impoverishment of the world by this waste of life and labour, and the appalling destruction of material. Imagine the fatherless and widows, and the shattered and broken men. What is it going to cost to touch only the fringe of alleviation in connection with all this tragedy?

And the war is going on.

Who that has health and strength and a sufficiency has a right to claim comfort or any other luxury?

Not the "Nation's Nurses." Why are they to be classed with the daughters of the horse leach?

Let us hope that if the College of Nursing cannot carry on its self-imposed task without the money of the charitable, it will shut up until the "Nation's Nurses" see fit to ask after the war for an Endowment for Higher Education to extend their usefulness to the community. During the world's struggle against Kaiserism, the nurses are receiving a very liberal education in the humanities. Let it suffice.

OUR CRUCIFIED.

For us He died,—

For you and me;

For us they died,—

For you and me.

That love so great be justified

And that Thy Name be magnified,

Grant, Lord, that we

Full worthy be

Of these—our loved—our crucified!

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

APPROVED BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

A Meeting was held on May 18th in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, to form a Board to carry out the approved scheme for the improvement of the Nurses' education in Ireland. Mr. William Taylor, President, was in the chair.

The Royal College had appointed its four Representatives on the Board, namely:—

Mr. William Taylor, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

Sir Arthur Chance, F.R.C.S.I.

Right Hon. Michael F. Cox, P.C., M.D.

T. Percy Kirkpatrick, Esq., B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.I.

The following certificated Nurses were elected by Ballot, and have consented to act:—

Miss L. Bradburne, Meath Hospital.

Miss Bradshaw, Royal Hospital for Incurables.

Honble. A. Brodrick, Ballincoona Caher Daniel.

Miss E. Hezlett, Richmond Hospital.

Miss M. Huxley, Elpis, Lower Mount Street.

Miss J. Jordan, Mercer's Hospital.

Miss K. Kearns, Nurses' Insurance Society Section.

Miss M. Keating, National Maternity Hospital.

Miss N. McArdle, Dublin Castle Hospital.

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