

of St. Peter's next to but independent of the Hospital of Sta. Marta. The outbreak of the war has temporarily suspended the progress of fitting up the building, as the quarters which were destined to the 'in patients' have been handed over to the 'Cross of Malta' for wounded soldiers, but the work of the dispensary is in full swing. There is a resident staff of trained nurses in charge, working under some of the best doctors here, and already representatives of twenty-seven different nursing Orders have gone through their training there. The dispensary is always crowded with 'out patients' of every age and sex, and suffering from every variety of human complaint. The operating-rooms, sterilisation plant, bandage department, sanitation, &c., are irreproachable, and the names of the doctors in attendance warrant the excellence of the surgery. After the war there will be accommodation for in-patients under medical and surgical treatment, with a larger operating theatre and more extensive accommodation for the subjects under training. It will then be possible to receive at least two members of any given Order to ensure the maintenance of their religious life. The chapel is already in use, and on its wall hangs the autograph blessing and approval of the present Holy Father. There is also a course of training in dispensing and first aid for ladies and girls. The course, theoretical and practical, is conducted by excellent doctors and lasts four months; it is concluded by an examination, on passing which a certificate is granted.

The attention of His Holiness Pope Pius X was first drawn to the need of a reform in the practical training of the older nursing Orders by the fact that while he was still Patriarch of Venice, a surgeon in one of the hospitals there protested against the removal of one of the nuns assisting in the operating theatre, for the reason that no one of the other sisters was capable of replacing her in the theatre."

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### THE ENEMY ALIEN DANGER.

Now that the people are beginning to realise the fine mesh of the financial net in which Hun bankers and millionaires in this country are strangling our national life and liberties—and what the "Hidden Hand" really means—they are becoming inspired with a deep and smouldering fury against the political system which has placed the Empire in such danger, and are slowly but surely rousing themselves to action. The Prime Minister has refused to receive a deputation on the enemy alien question, proposed by Mrs. Dacre Fox; and on Sunday, this valiant lady, speaking

to a great meeting in Hyde Park, said, "for the first time since the war broke out there was an open fight between the British public and German influence at work in this country. We had to make a clean sweep of all persons of German blood, without distinction of sex, birth-place or nationality. Any person in this country, who was suspected of protecting German influence, should be tried as a traitor and, if necessary, shot. The Home Office was impregnated with German influence and the Foreign Office used men protected by the Home Office." Mrs. Dacre Fox announced she had booked the Royal Albert Hall for a national demonstration on the subject on Tuesday, July 30th, at 7.30 p.m., and a sympathiser present offered £100 towards the expenses. Mr. R. Wilson, Secretary of the British Empire Union, said that Sir George Cave (the Home Secretary), must be made to understand that unless he applied drastic legislation he would be impeached.

We learn that there is a type of enemy blood against whom strong precautions are needed. This is the British-born son of German parents. It may have been only by accident that his birth took place in this country. He has not to be registered with the police or submit to any of the restrictions imposed on his parents; and there are men of this sort doing confidential Government work and manning the Labour battalions—safe from the bombs and bullets of their blood-compatriots. Recently we heard of one of these insolent Huns wearing the King's uniform, during leave, boasting of what "they intended to do after the war. *We* are not going to have Germany isolated," he boasted—"we hissed the King's portrait on the cinema screen"—and "you English ran at Cambrai and now have to be stiffened up with Frenchmen at the front"—and more of such blasphemy. A lady present wrote down the sayings of this young traitor in khaki, and has handed them to the right quarter. But is there a right quarter, that is the question?

The proposed legislation in the Naturalisation of Aliens Bill is weak and wobbling. Not to our taste. We want a few women in Parliament to tone it up.

### WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT.

It is stated that the Labour Party are determined to force a decision on the eligibility of women for membership of the House of Commons before the General Election. The Executive, by endorsing the candidatures of several Labour women for industrial constituencies, have staked out their claim. They have decided to have a qualifying Bill ready, in case the Law Officers should advise the Government that, under the present law, women are not eligible for membership of the House of Commons.

The National Labour Party have officially endorsed the prospective candidature of Miss Macarthur for the Stourbridge Division at the next election.

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