

able hours. It lies entirely with the nurses themselves to decide whether they will use the powers which have been granted to them by joining the Association or one of the Organised Societies affiliated to it.

#### COMFORTS FOR THE ARMY.

An appeal has appeared recently in the Press from Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian for comforts for a division of artillery serving at the front. Some years ago the members signified their wish to send work to Her Royal Highness' Hospital at Englefield Green and it has been suggested that Members of the Association and of the Societies affiliated to it might like to help this appeal for comforts for the soldiers. Articles sent to the office of the Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, will be forwarded to Her Royal Highness along with a list of the donors. Mufflers, woollen helmets, gloves and mittens are the comforts needed.

#### A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

Miss Mary Bennallack has resigned from Q.A.I.M.N.S. and is awaiting orders for transport duty to Australia. Miss Bennallack was formerly Secretary of the Australian Branch of the Association and was spending a holiday in England at the outbreak of war. She was granted extension of leave by her Committee in order to take up military nursing, and went to France in the early months of the war. In time it became impossible for the Australian branch to continue its work without a permanent secretary, and Miss Bennallack decided to resign that office. She has had very varied experiences indeed in the course of her military nursing, and was, at one time, seriously wounded during the course of a bombardment by the Germans. Miss Bennallack has been extremely popular among members of the home branch of the Association, and she takes their sincere good wishes back with her to the island continent.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

*Whilst welcoming communications from its Members the Corporation does not hold itself responsible for individual expressions of opinion.*

#### THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

*To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.*

MADAM,—As an Irish Nurse I wish to support Miss Kelly's protest. I feel furious and ashamed when I walk along Whitechapel and see that insulting poster everywhere. I consider that the College of Nursing, Ltd., is using the gratitude of our patients to destroy our status and to get money for their own purposes and we will simply be reduced to a condition of serfdom if they can capture the "debt" which is due to us (the nurses), not to them. Had those on the Council

done anything for nurses in the past we might have had less anxiety but it is they and they only who are responsible for State Registration being too late to save us from the competition with the unqualified. There is another point of view, too. Only the other day I heard of a lady who openly said that she would support the Nation's Fund as, if there were a National Fund, the nurses would require smaller fees. We wish to retain our independence, to have just payment for what we do, and no charity. Please put my letter in the Journal also.

Yours, &c., A. E. GOOD.

#### CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.

*To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.*

MADAM,—In answer to Miss Nash's letter in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING of September 21st, I should like to thank her for the appreciation expressed in it. I certainly hope that there will be more articles by the nurses.

As regards her question, I must say that no child I ever knew was reduced to the state of submission she suggests. My recommendation, however, applied especially to children of a "negative" disposition. There are so many points to be considered and different dispositions require different methods of treatment; even when such methods are laid down we generally find that they are upset by the suggestions of the children themselves—suggestions that are often both interesting and instructive to us and often better suited than ours for their particular needs. As Dr. Saleebey so aptly said at the Baby Week Council Meeting, "Our highest aim must be to Guard, Guide and Teach." One could really give a lecture on Miss Nash's question.

Yours, &c.,

KATE C. ATHERTON.

[We regret that some letters are unavoidably held over.]

#### DONATIONS.

To the Fund for State Registration.—*Per* Miss Daisy Hobbs, £5 5s.; Dr. Clarke, £1 1s.; Mrs. Lawson, £1 1s.; Miss Gordon Brown, £1; A. Britten, 10s. 6d.; *Per* Miss Spearing, 9s.; Miss Bosworth, 5s.; Miss Mercer, 5s.; Miss Morgan, 5s.; Miss Owen, 5s.; Miss Puley, 5s.; Miss Crumpler, 5s.; Miss Fowler, 2s. 6d.; and Mrs. Moorhead, 5s.

Copies of the Royal Charter may be obtained from the Office at the cost of 1s., or 1s. 6d. post free.

Application Forms and other literature regarding the Corporation can be obtained from the office of the Association. The Secretary will be pleased to see any nurses who wish to have information regarding nursing questions, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., or by appointment.

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