

and indeed to everyone in Great Britain in the loss at a time like this of such a distinguished man.

My heart goes out to you personally, and to all of your associates."

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Value of Massage Treatment.

A correspondent sends the following most interesting letter:—

"I have asked for an appointment this time for Massage only and not Ward work, I did so much Massage for the men in the last War and feel that Massage must be wanted sooner or later in this one. It seems though as if it will be later, when there is a big push, if at all.

I wonder whether you are in a position to advise me how I could get into touch with massage more quickly for the troops. I applied to the Army, but it has no positions to offer, and to my old training school, but its massage department is closed, and there is only a skeleton staff on duty.

The nursing requirements of this town are typical, Nursing Auxiliaries are working with V.A.Ds, and the Medical Officer himself told me he has no authority to engage any trained nurses at a salary, meantime I have done six weeks' work since War began.

We are in the front line of defence here on the coast, and lots of people have gone to safer areas, and lots of my patients gone and doctors called up.

There is always something happening, either air raids, or rather dog fights when German planes try to photograph this town, or mines exploding and ships sinking. Recently we landed the people from the *Dunbar Castle* on the pier, and next day two of its lifeboats were washed up on the beach. One of the Contraband Stations is here, and there is great anxiety in the Customs and the minesweepers to keep the mines when blown inshore by the East wind from sinking the neutral ships waiting to be searched. Most of the neutrals are Dutch, but we see Greek, Portuguese, Swedish, Norwegian and Italian and others. At the moment an Italian cargo boat is beached, blown there by the East wind, waiting now for the wind to drop so that the Admiralty Pilot boats can float her off on the tide.

On the top of this, the motor lifeboat is out day and night doing marvellous deeds of rescue in appalling peril and hardship.

I thought a little account of what's going on on this coast might interest you."

[Massage was invaluable in the treatment of thousands of cases in the Great War. Now that the Ministry of Health has wisely decided to transfer the executive work of the Civil Nursing Reserve Committee to a new body directly under the authority of the Ministry to be known as the Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council, which will be so constituted as to represent the nursing profession, we advise our correspondent to make enquiries to the Secretary, Ministry of Health (Civil Nursing Reserve), Romney House, Marsham Street, London, S.W.1.—ED.]

Up the Finns.

Military Sister writes: "It would appear that U.S.A. and other neutral countries, that is, timorous and selfish nations who do not propose to fight for right, are already amusing themselves with peace prattle. We are known to be a very generous people, but I do think unless nations are prepared to shed their blood to save the world from tyranny and slavery, that they better continue to sit tight and leave 'God's Chivalry' to define the peace. I have American friends and they just hate standing aside in this monumental struggle. Up the Finns."

[The glorious courage of the Finnish people is an inspiration for all time. Let us thank God for it.—ED.]

Work of Value Out of the Limelight.

Writing from Sweetsburg, P.Q., Canada, a correspondent makes one realise that there is no necessity to be "at the front" to be of real use to our country, and how wise it is to continue the common task.

"As you see I decided to return to my work among the underprivileged girls, and I am very glad I did, as the war has turned out to be so different from what we all expected. I feel that I am far more useful to the Empire training these young girls, who will have to live in a difficult world, plus their being handicapped by their home environment.

I left Liverpool after much delay. Two large liners of the 'Canadian Pacific' left together, each with 1,000 passengers on board, and accompanied on one side by a destroyer and on the other by a gunboat. We had only left Liverpool about two hours when the destroyer sunk a submarine. We left at 3 p.m. on Friday; on Saturday morning our escort left us to our fate. In the afternoon about tea-time a patrol-plane came circling over the ship and signalled us to change our course, as two submarines had been sighted. So we went 150 miles north, and then zig-zagged at an angle of 90 degrees all the way across by day, and went full steam ahead in the dark. We were well protected, having 6 in. guns, anti-aircraft guns, depth findings and depth charges on board. All lifeboats were ready to be lowered at a moment's notice. Apart from the strain the trip was a good one; I had a lovely cabin on the boat-deck, made nice friends, and played chess a lot, which kept my mind occupied. We arrived in Montreal the following Friday and I found all my friends had been much more anxious about me than I had been about myself. I am glad to have this all-absorbing work to keep me from thinking too much about my country."

This Devil's Doctrine.

A. E. G. writes: "I was so glad to find that the new Bishop of London in his 'London Diocesan Leaflet' says of the war:—

"We believe that in resisting this Devil's-doctrine we are acting as the instruments of God's judgement upon it. Our only justification for being at war is that we believe that it is God's will to use us so. But, of course we are unworthy instruments of His high purpose. We may be the best He can find to use."

[The Editor, a Registered Nurse, objects to being addressed as "Sir" as she has edited the B.J.N. for close on half a century.]

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ERRATUM.

No business has been more disturbed by the war than that of printing. High skill and accuracy are required in all departments. We regret that through a printer's error the word "part" was substituted for that of "pints" in the Prize Paper in our last issue in reference to the giving of a gravitation enema in lines 37 and 38.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MARCH.

State what you know of the treatment and nursing of Coronary Thrombosis.

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