

Miss E. E. M. R. G. Egerton, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Mary Michie Smith, and Miss M. E. Skertchley, all of whom have had both general and fever training, and Miss J. S. Rankin, trained at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, who has had five years' experience of private nursing. It will be realised that the nurses have been very carefully selected, and we wish them all success in the onerous work before them.

We note that when the Director General of the Army Medical Service wants to enlist the sympathy of the medical profession in the need for more medical help for the Army, he wisely meets in conference a special committee of the British Medical Association, with the result that the Committee was fully convinced that the need was large and urgent and recognising that a great patriotic duty devolved on the Association, it was unanimously resolved to request the Divisions and Branches immediately to take certain steps with a view of enabling the Army speedily to get the whole time medical officers wanted for the field forces, and more part time service at home, for hospitals and for recruiting and training stations.

Why has not the nursing profession been treated with the same courtesy and consideration, instead of having been thoroughly disorganised by all and sundry who choose to interfere with its work? It is not yet too late and we are glad to learn that a public-spirited Matron has written to Lord Kitchener on the matter.

How perfectly helpless a great body of skilled working women are without legal status, and how easily submerged, has been brought home to the nursing profession since the beginning of the War, and we are glad of it. And that trained nurses

should be of all women the most patriotic has added insult to injury.

The patriotism of Polish women has for centuries been proverbial, and, at the present time, when the country is laid waste and the greatest distress prevails, they are doing most splendid work. Our illustrations show two nurses returning from their work through the snow; and women providing hot food for the soldiers, who on leaving the trenches are always sure of a hot, well-cooked meal.

*The Edinburgh Evening News* reports, referring to the amateur nurse question, "Comment is fastening itself upon something that looks like a repetition of what happened in the South African War. A certain section of society butterflies have become rather assertive in their amateur nursing among the wounded 'Tom-mies' in Flanders. I hear that very exalted quarters have expressed annoyance at some of these ladies' cantrips as photographed in the more expensive weekly illustrated papers." Not before time.



POLISH NURSES RETURNING THROUGH THE SNOW.

Mrs. Maxwell St. John, R.R.C., who has been actively engaged in professional work during the war, first in Belgium, and now in France, writes from the Anglo-French-American Hospital for Malades Militaires, Neuilly:—"Dr. Guest asked us to go to Limoges with four trained nurses. At Victoria we were told that the Administrator had appointed a Matron! We went on just the same, two of us elderly women, and did all sorts of odd jobs, from scrubbing and cleaning windows to ordinary ward work. Finally, five weeks ago, this nice little hospital was offered me, and here I am with eleven trained nurses and probationers, and a clever little housekeeper, getting things ship-shape. They are just splendid. We only

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