

to inform you that none but fully-qualified nurses have been sent with the Military Hospitals. It is understood that the British Red Cross Society also send out no one who is not fully trained. It is, however, inevitable in time of war that private individuals who have had inadequate training in the theory of nursing should volunteer their services, but over such individuals the Army Council have not necessarily any control.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Miss B. Kent.

B. B. CUBITT.

THE IRON WALLS OF THE BRITISH NAVY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—At the beginning of the Editorial in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, October 24th, reference is made to something that is happening "behind the iron walls of the English Navy." The "English Navy"! May one be allowed to ask what is the "English Navy," and to state that no such Navy has existed for hundreds of years. Yet surely that is the case. The Navy which is doing such splendid work just now defending Britain and British Trade, &c., is the "British," not the "English" Navy, and belongs to the whole of Great Britain and Ireland. The vessels comprising it and their crews also hailing from various parts of the Kingdom, even from little Wales. As for the Army—so slightly alluded to in the press as "English," several of its most famous regiments belong to Scotland and to Ireland.

That being so it is nothing short of cruelty, as Lord Provost Stevenson of Glasgow has pointed out, to ignore those brave men of the sister countries who are giving their lives so freely on sea and land to maintain the integrity of the British Empire. Does anybody hear nowadays of the Prussian Army or Prussian Navy? Yet the German Empire is not yet half a century old. Even St. Petersburg, which only changed her name (childishly, I think) a few weeks ago, is now Petrograd all the world over. How is it then that although the Crowns and Parliaments of England and Scotland became united about 300 years ago, and with the addition of Ireland a century later became the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the people south of the Tweed still go blundering along oblivious of the facts of history, King George V seems to be nothing more than King of England still, and a proud title too, according to some. In my opinion this is largely due to the carelessness of the press.

Had England been allowed to absorb the other countries it would have been different, but each has its own name in the Union and on the map, and it is more than time that the southern portion of the Kingdom realised that she is a part of that Kingdom and can never be other until the Union is dissolved.

I am, yours faithfully,

E. HORTON.

Carmel Lodge, Prestwick.

[As a Scottish woman, we concur with everything our correspondent says. We fear the word English must have been a slip of the pen, as everyone is proud of the fact that our splendid Navy and Army are British.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Animal Lover.—There is both a Blue and a Purple Cross Service for dealing with horses wounded on the battlefield. The latter, which has a central office in Paris, hopes to establish hospitals for wounded horses in various parts of France. It will be the duty of the Purple Corps to kill horses too badly wounded to recover and to convey the others to veterinary hospitals.

Miss P. (Birmingham).—Mrs. Graham Thompson, wife of the chairman of the Urban District Council, is appealing for money or materials to enable clothing to be made for the Belgian refugees at the Alexandra Palace, many of whom are without suitable clothing or means to obtain it. Remittances and parcels should be addressed to her at the Town Hall, Wood Green, London, N.

Miss Robertson, Cardiff.—By all means obtain a certificate of three years' training. It is no use attempting to do work for which you are not qualified, though there are directions in which untrained people of business-like habits can be useful. See our article this week on the American Women's Hospital. The training school you mention is of good standing.

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