

1. No one has made the statement in this Journal that any Lady Mayoress "started the Territorial Service. "Initiated the movement at the Mansion House" is what was written.

2. Miss Breay's memory does not play her false, neither did she rely on it. We would remind Lord Knutsford that in each year two ladies reign at the Mansion House, and if he will refer to our issue of April 3rd, 1909, page 266, he will see that Lady Knill, "to whom he never spoke," was not the lady referred to as "the wickedest woman in London."

3. The opinions of those who are not now with us we decline to discuss. They cannot reply.

4. No doubt in recruiting a reserve of nurses for military service there is scope both for volunteer and compulsory service. We claim the nursing profession has the right to volunteer. Lord Knutsford would deprive them of the privilege and enforce a system adopted in recruiting a reserve attached to Q.A.I.M.N.S. by the War Office, and by the Admiralty, which subsidise the general hospitals in time of peace, to provide so many nurses in time of War, "along with the lint and the bandages."

So far as the supply of trained nurses recruited by the War Office is concerned, it has fallen far short of the requirements, and the Volunteer Territorial Force Nursing Service has been called upon to supply a large number of nurses for our Expeditionary Hospitals abroad, and many other nurses have been hastily engaged by the Matron-in-Chief. We repeat that if our Volunteer Nursing Service had not been available chaos would have been the result in military nursing organisation on the declaration of War. Such a Service is a splendid national asset and gives expression to the ardent patriotism of trained nurses.—ED.]

A QUESTION FOR THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Our "Statement" sent to the War Office, on the lack of nursing standards in auxiliary military hospitals, has been discussed and well supported in several weekly papers recently, which reach wide circles of readers, such as *London Opinion*, *The Clarion*, *The Vote*, &c., but not a line have I seen in any of the so-called "leading" London dailies. How is a question to be considered by the public, if it is excluded from publication in the press? What a farce it is to suppose that these autocratic publications reflect public opinion. My experience of the London dailies is that they have brought the system of suppressing public opinion to a fine art. To quote the State Registration of Nurses question: leaded type for "antis"; waste-paper basket for those who plead for a guarantee of efficiency for the public and justice to women workers! In this connection, may I thank you for publishing the "Statement" in our official organ, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and thus placing the truth before the public and the nursing profession; and may I express the opinion that it is

imperative that every member of our National Council of Trained Nurses should subscribe for our journal, and thus preserve the liberty of the press for our profession as a whole?

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WE CONGRATULATE "NOSOKOMOS."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—"Nosokomos" has the intention of sending a petition to the Minister of War asking him to form an army nursing corps instead of entrusting the care of the sick and wounded soldiers to the Red Cross Society, just as you have done. We are going to translate your resolution and statement and add that as an appendix.

In April we are going to have a Woman's Congress in protest against war. In a few days I shall send you the invitation and all particulars about that Congress. I should be very glad if representatives of the nurses were present.

Yours very truly,

J. C. VAN LANSCHOT HUBRECHT.

Amsterdam.

NOTICE.

The meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, announced for Saturday, February 27th, has been unavoidably postponed till Saturday, March 6th, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at 4 p.m. Will all delegates of affiliated Leagues and Societies note the change of date.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corps from the country can be interviewed by arrangement with Lady Barclay, 60, Nevein Square, Earl's Court, London, S.W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, 26th, this week, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., to interview candidates (opposite Selfridge's). Candidates must be well educated and hold a three years' certificate of training. Nurses who speak French are preferred.

We have great pleasure in acknowledging the following gifts for patients nursed by Sisters of the F.F.N.C., at Bergues:—Mrs. Bartleet, £3 3s.; Mrs. G. Clarke Nuttall, 10s.; Miss Ashley, 3 sheets, 8 pads, 2 blankets, and old linen; Miss Macvitie, 3 pairs knitted socks, 1 pair mits, 1 pair gloves; Mrs. Andrews, 1 pair socks, 1 body belt, 13 pairs mittens; Miss E. Thompson, R.N.S., 3 packets absorbent wool, 1 packet Gamgee. The cash has been spent in 6 pairs of sheets and 3 dozen towels.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

March 6th.—Describe the post-operative care of tonsil and adenoid cases.

March 13th.—What are the special points to be observed on receiving a patient for admission to a hospital or infirmary ward?

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