

very nearest and dearest, who have been wantonly insulted, struck, and starved by German jailers—suffering torture and death, to free the world from brutalising tyranny and cunning—we call upon British nurses to sift this mystery to the dregs, and no longer to tolerate contemptuous silence on this vital question on the part of those who exploit their profession.

NATURALISED ALIENS.

Amongst the very pertinent questions addressed by Mr. Butcher, M.P., to the Home Secretary, is the following: "Whether, in view of the necessity of taking precautions to ensure that persons residing in this country shall not under the guise and protection of British citizenship secretly help the enemy, he will again consider the desirability of taking power to revoke the certificates of naturalisation granted to persons of German nationality who still owe allegiance to the German Emperor."

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PROFESSION OF MASSAGE.

We have been requested to publish the following letters, which we presume terminate the correspondence as between Miss I. M. Scamell and Miss C. L. Bedingfield, and the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. We have published it at length because it opens up points of interest to the profession of Massage as a whole. As the Secretary of the I.S.T.M. has courteously supplied us with printed matter relative to the organization of the Society, we propose to make a few suggestions in our next issue, which if adopted might remove just cause of complaint:—

The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses,
157, Great Portland Street, W.

April 15th, 1915.

DEAR MESDAMES,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, but do not think any good purpose will be served by our continuing the present correspondence, nor do I think that I can usefully add anything to the letter to Miss Scamell of the 9th instant, except to say that I have taken note of the statement in your letter that she has been teaching Swedish Remedial Exercises by virtue of the Chelsea Polytechnic qualifications you refer to. If I have rightly interpreted your letter, I would venture to say my recollection is that this certificate for Swedish Remedial Exercises issued by that Polytechnic expressly stated, on the face of it, that it did not carry any qualification as a teacher.

The vote of confidence in me was, as you say, not unanimous; the numbers were 123 for and 2 against.

Yours truly,

(Signed) LUCY M. ROBINSON
(Chairman of Council).

The Misses Scamell and Bedingfield.

School of Massage and Swedish Remedial Exercises.

55, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, S.W.

April 24th, 1915.

To the Chairman of the I.S.T.M.

DEAR MADAM,—We have to-day received a communication from the Editor of one of the Nursing Papers, inferring that you were desirous that your letter of April 15th, 1915, should have been published with our correspondence in this week's issues of those papers. It did not appear to us that the letter was to the point, nor any answer to the allegations expressed in our letter of April 10th, 1915, which had gone to press, nor was it marked for publication, but under the circumstances we are sending copies of your letter and this answer to the Nursing Press, asking the Editors to publish them if they so desire.

We wish to controvert the statement in your letter of April 15th, 1915, "that she (Miss Scamell) has been teaching Swedish Remedial Exercises by virtue of the Chelsea Polytechnic qualifications" solely. Miss Scamell undertook to train students for the Society's S.R.E. examinations only after the receipt, as far back as 1912, of the following letter:—

Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses,
12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

January 12th, 1912.

DEAR MISS SCAMELL,—The Chairman laid your request before the S.R.E. Sub-Committee at their meeting on January 10th, on the matter of preparing pupils for the Society's examination in Swedish Remedial Exercises in June, 1913. It was unanimously agreed that in view of your entry to the S.R.E. Teachers' Examination (when such examination shall be arranged) and the Committee's personal knowledge of your training qualifications, your many years' experience as masseuse, and your work at St. George's Hospital, pupils of your training are eligible for entry to June, 1913, S.R.E. examination, and will be accepted.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. M. TEMPLETON, *Secretary.*

If, for very good reasons, Miss Scamell refused to take the Teachers' Diploma mentioned in that letter, it does not alter the fact that her qualifications for teaching Swedish Remedial Exercises still remain the same as expressed by the Council themselves in this letter.

We are, Yours truly,

(Signed) I. M. SCAMELL,
C. L. BEDINGFIELD,

A young woman, known variously as Dr. Isabella Marshall, Kingston, and Warren, and posing as a qualified medical practitioner, is alleged to be victimizing lodging-house keepers on the South Coast and in the neighbourhood of London, by taking apartments and then leaving with any valuables she can collect. She is said to wear a nurse's blue uniform—but that is nothing unusual—and is known in Chertsey, Netley, and Woolstan.

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