

and had to be got rid of. This inhuman woman, of whatever nationality, was certainly unworthy of being a member of our profession.

I am, yours truly,

SECRETARY NURSES' CO-OPERATION.

[We hope the police have been informed of this incident, also it would be interesting to hear from which nursing institution the nurse was procured.—Ed.]

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I have recently returned from France, where in our hospital many wounded German soldiers were nursed. They were treated both by doctors and nurses with the utmost attention, and many expressed themselves very grateful. I agree with you, that there is no nationality in nursing—indeed, the more difficult it is to do one's duty to one's sick and wounded enemy the more necessary it is one should perform it conscientiously and to the best of one's ability. It would be a sad day for our humanising work if its quality was to be influenced by any but the highest motives. I have sat by the agonising deathbeds of several Germans of the rank and file—they died in the faith that they had fallen patriotically and died gloriously for their country. Can we blame these ignorant men? The blame for this ghastly war, with all its horror and grief, must be sought elsewhere, but not from the fallen rank and file. They obeyed orders, and thousands have suffered torture and death in so doing, even if they have inflicted it on others. Whatever we nurses do we must not become bitter or narrow. As you say, "Hymns of Hate are not for us."

Yours sincerely,

A READER FOR MANY YEARS.

[We think this letter breathes the right nursing spirit.—Ed.]

THE IMPERIAL MOTHER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I must give thanks specially for one line in last week's fine editorial on the Imperial Mother—"Nor need the Imperial Mother of necessity be the mother of men. Her country is her child, on which it is her pleasure to lavish her deepest love and devotion." Thousands of unmarried women like myself feel that way, and we are, specially we nurses, enjoying the sincerest pleasure in working for our country. I believe there is nothing the majority of women would not do at this crisis for passionate love of England. Once you wrote something about the *passion of domicile*; now that passion is experienced by many. I am recently back from France; when I landed I wanted to kneel down and kiss the ground, and every leaf and flower and blade of grass, and grain of earth seems sacred. I hope I may be able to attend the meeting at which the role of the Imperial Mother is to be defined; it is a lovely title, to which all good patriots may lay claim.

Yours truly,

Q.A.I.M.N.R.

NOTICES.

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June 5th.—Describe the disease known as black measles, and how to nurse it.

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