

The fact is that the International Council of Nurses, composed as it is of the leaders of nursing thought and progress throughout the world, has declined on ethical grounds, to be associated with or financially exploited by the commercial publication of which Miss Bulan is Editor. Her inimical attitude towards it is therefore not unnatural. It is high time, however, that the position of those members of our profession associated with Miss Bulan should be clearly understood, and the explanation on this point to an eminent American nurse who objected to anonymous letters signed "The Editor," is highly instructive. To quote from a letter before us:—

"With respect to the editorship of this paper, I may say that there is no Editor—by which I mean that the journalistic work is done by a literary staff, whose names would convey nothing to you. But the proofs are read, and suggestions made, by several of the leaders of the nursing world in England, who prefer not to have their names mentioned, simply because in the unfortunate state of affairs at present, this would give rise to misrepresentation.

"Whatever the views of these people may be, and they are very varied, they are not allowed to influence the policy of the paper, which is open and impartial.—Yours faithfully, The Editor."

Secrecy in the conduct of quack nursing sheets is no doubt the essence of their being, but who the "leaders of the nursing world in England" may be, so contemptuously referred to by their untrained chief as "these people," who moreover "are not permitted to influence the policy of the paper" and "whose names would convey nothing" to an American colleague matters little, but we cannot agree that the straightforward and honourable course of coming out in the open, instead of giving surreptitious support to attacks on their colleagues in the dark, "would give rise to misrepresentation."

In our opinion these ladies owe it to the profession at large to assume the white sheet, and in making open confession purge our ranks of cowardice if not of disloyalty.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss C. P. M. Tod, Miss E. M. Bean, and Miss Mabel W. Pope, left London for Bordeaux on Saturday, the 9th inst., and if the weekly boat sails as usual, the following nurses will leave London for the same destination on the 16th inst.: Miss C. K. Knox, cert. Leith General Hospital; Miss C. McKay Gunn, cert. Royal Infirmary, Perth; Miss E. G. Saunders, cert. Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham; Miss Aldis, cert. Lewis-ham Infirmary; Miss S. Hutchinson, cert. West Ham Infirmary; Miss I. Dodds, cert. Royal

Infirmary, Dundee; Miss F. G. E. Patrick, cert. London Temperance Hospital. Queen's Nurse: Miss S. Carroll, cert. Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham. The Committee of the F.F.N.C. wish it known that they are prepared to receive applications from well-trained British Nurses who speak French. Experience proves that without this qualification it is very difficult for even the most efficient nurses to perform their duties under the direction of French medical officers, with the greatest possible benefit to the patients. Mrs. Murray will see candidates on Mondays at 5, Nevern Square, Earl's Court, S.W. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Saturdays from 2.30 to 4.30 for the same purpose.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

Thousands of trained nurses are now employed in nursing sick and wounded soldiers at home and abroad, and our large hospitals have all supplied as many as can possibly be spared from their civil duties. The fact that St. Bartholomew's Hospital entirely staffs No. 1 London (City of London) General Hospital, in addition to other Army nursing service, makes the list of Bart.'s nurses on active service a very long one; and, in giving their names in a supplement to *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal*, the fact that it is headed by a "Bart.'s" woman—Miss Cox-Davies (Principal Matron), and not by a lady trained at another school, prevents an undeserved slur being cast on this training school, and proves the wisdom of the Mansion House Committee in selecting a "Bart.'s" trained woman, upon the demise of the former Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who rendered such sympathetic service in helping to organize the City of London Branch of the Territorial Force Nursing Service; and was herself the first Principal Matron. No less than 160 names appear in the list of nurses certificated at "Bart.'s," serving at home and abroad. We note that the four members of the French Flag Nursing Corps, who, by the by, are officers in the French Army, are omitted from the list.

THE RAID ON THE WOUNDED.

When War was announced in August, many Society girls rushed off to the seat of War in Belgium as "Volunteer Nurses." That they knew nothing of nursing in no way deterred the "raid on the wounded." The *Globe* reports that two of these "Red Cross Heroines" have just returned to England, after experiencing many hardships and vicissitudes in Belgium—Miss Angela Manners (daughter of Lord and Lady Manners), and Miss Nellie Hozier (who is Mrs. Winston Churchill's sister). It is reported that "they were amongst the first to set out for the

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