

Of her young widowed brother, she says, "He would have been much happier if he had never been a king."

Giving her impressions of England and the English, though on the whole she was well pleased with life in the English country houses, she says, "Coming first to England from the animations of the South, I thought the people looked as stupified as if they were all recovering from a fit." She seems to have been fascinated by the personality of the Kaiser, and to have taken him at his own valuation. The following passage is really amazing: "He has often spoken publicly of the responsibility of the ruler who involves his people in a war in which so many men may be killed, when he cannot be sure that their consciences will be in a state to meet death." His evident personal admiration for her may have had something to do with such an utterance given at this time to the English public. Following closely on this are her impressions of the Tsar and the Belgian king. Of the latter, she says: "If I did not go to see for myself, what he had been doing, I had come to feel that I was neglecting my best opportunity for education."

The volume contains several charming portraits of the Infanta Eulalie and other royal personages. Though we gather a pleasant feeling of intimacy with Court life in various countries, we are quite contented to be humble commoners, living unrestricted by so many tedious ceremonies.

H. H.

### GALLANT GUESTS AT THE LYCEUM CLUB.

On Friday, July 23rd, the second of the teas for the wounded inaugurated by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Lyceum Club on July 16th was given to upwards of 50 Belgian soldiers by the Belgian, French, and Russian Circles. Mme. Emile Vanderveelde presided, and Mme. Delune, wife of the composer, provided an excellent entertainment. One of the wounded possessed of a first-rate baritone voice contributed popular Belgian songs, and the other guests joined heartily in the choruses. Mrs. Arthur Berrill and Mrs. Calvert Spensley undertook the transport arrangements, with the assistance of Mr. Adair. On Friday, the 30th inst., the Overseas and Photographic Circles will unite in giving a tea and entertainment to wounded soldiers and sailors from King George's Hospital, Stamford Street, the Hampstead General Hospital, and University College Hospital. The gallant guests seem thoroughly to enjoy being entertained at a ladies' club. Mrs. Fenwick told them, "you must not think we are idle women; most of us work hard, and we realise that it is your courage and patriotism which enables us to enjoy our work and leisure."

### WORD FOR THE WEEK.

There is no meaner moral attitude than that of a timid and selfish neutrality between right and wrong.—*Mr. Roosevelt.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### TERRITORIAL NURSES INDIGNANT.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I entirely agree with "A Territorial Staff Nurse," who writes in your issue of July 10th, regarding the so-called V.A.D.'s; but would point out that, in addition to a salary of £20 per annum, they receive the surplus from various allowances, which brings their virtual salary nearer £40! At a time when the Government is preaching thrift, it is surely an anomaly that a Government Department should be paying for absolutely unskilled labour a salary that a civil hospital would pay only to a fully-trained and widely experienced woman.

The policy of the Territorial Hospitals seems to be to belittle the work and ignore the experience, self-sacrifice and devotion of its staff nurses in every way. I venture to predict that, when the War is concluded and the stern need of service for the country no longer exists, the present members of the T.F.N.S. will unanimously and gladly resign their membership and run no risk of again being called up for service under such conditions as now exist.

Yours faithfully,  
"T. B."

### NOTICE.

The Editor desires to notify that her correspondence is now so large that letters cannot be answered, except through the JOURNAL, unless a stamp is enclosed for reply.

The correspondence in the *Manchester Courier* on the subject of State Registration of Nurses has aroused great interest locally on the subject, and the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses continues to receive many letters of enquiry. An application form, appearing on page vi, can be cut out by those who wish to support the movement for a Nurses' Registration Act, and sent to 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Miss Breay will be pleased to send further forms to applicants.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

August 7th.—State what you know about the iodine treatment of diphtheria.

August 14th.—Describe Duodenal Feeding, and how to use the Politzer Bag.

August 21st.—What is Anthrax? State details of nursing.

August 28th.—Describe the most practical and aseptic indoor uniform for War nursing.

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