

therefore small, 10s. 6d. for fully trained nurses for a year, and 7s. 6d. for nurses in course of full general training. After March 25th there will be an entrance fee of 5s. and 2s. 6d. respectively. Friends may be invited to any of the rooms except the writing-room. The menu includes dinner at 1 o'clock, at a fixed price of 1s. 3d., including meat and two vegetables, sweets or cheese and biscuits, and bread. Otherwise the items are by tariff—an inviting evening meal may be selected of cold ham, beef, or tongue 6d. and 9d., poached eggs on toast 6d., scrambled eggs 7d., welsh rabbit 6d., omelette 1s., blancmange 3d., stewed fruit 3d., &c., all daintily served. For tea all the cakes, &c., are home made, and are very much appreciated by the members. The genial kindness of the Hon. Lady Superintendent, Miss C. H. Mayers, should go far to make the Club a success.

The Establishment Committee reported to the London County Council on Tuesday that a petition had been received from the nursing staff in the Public Health Department stating that the increased cost of living had so reduced the purchasing power of their salaries that they found them unable to provide necessaries. The Education Committee reported that the maintenance of the Nursing Service at the present level of efficiency was essential to the public welfare, and that the Council was likely to lose the services of some of its best nurses, unless some improvement was made in their rate of remuneration. It was agreed that war wages of 5s. a week for nurses and 4s. a week for assistant superintendents should be granted, as from and including January 1st, 1917.

The Hon. Secretary of the Halifax District Nursing Association has written to express the gratitude of the Committee to the Corporation, for permitting their nurses to travel free on the tramways, as it enables the nurses to make many more visits to the sick poor than they would otherwise be able to do, thus increasing the efficiency of their work. This privilege might with justice be extended to all district nurses—as doubtless the families of many employees of the Corporation receive the skilled care of district nurses.

A Hospital Sister recently complained to us most indignantly that money was accepted from rich Germans (she didn't count naturalization, but blood) to pay for Christmas fare for the patients in her ward. "Enough to choke our Tommies, had they known it," she said. We

agree with her, but so long as rich and influential naturalised Germans are permitted to give huge sums (we feel sure of ill-gotten gains) to our charities for sick and wounded, just so long shall we suffer from "The Unseen Hand."

We have all felt the pressure of "The Unseen Hand" since the beginning of the war. No one need have any hesitation in realising its significance. The "Hand" distributes German bribes by all sorts of devious methods, and it is this form of influence which the Women's Imperial Defence Council is out to defeat, if possible. At a meeting held in the City of London recently a resolution calling upon the Government to make a full investigation into the treacherous influence in our midst, and at once to dispense with the services during the war of all Foreign Office officials who have married German subjects or who have any German connection, was unanimously carried.

In moving the resolution Mr. Joynson-Hicks said that there was a feeling that the war was not being carried on in our midst with the same energy and determination as it was in Flanders and on the sea. We must make it impossible for generations to come for Germany to build an entrenched camp in the middle of the British Empire.

Even at the present time there were 20,000 enemy aliens uninterned; 14,000 or 15,000 in the City of London. Up to last June there were 4,294 aliens living in prohibited areas.

#### NATURALISED GERMANS TRAITORS TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

"The best German from the enemy point of view is the German who appears to be the best Englishman." Whoever knew that a spy was a spy until he was caught? said Mr. Joynson-Hicks.

Naturalised Germans were only traitors to their own country. The whole brood must be got rid of."

#### UNDER THE SHADOW OF ST. PAUL'S.

Many nurses will be glad to know that the firm of Manfield—which has a wide reputation for its well-cut boots and shoes—has now opened an establishment at 59 & 60, St. Paul's Churchyard, a most convenient centre. London nurses love their Metropolitan Cathedral, and it is the ambition of everyone visiting London from other parts of the United Kingdom and overseas to see Sir Christopher Wren's great masterpiece. What more convenient than to turn in at Manfield's afterwards, and secure a pair of their famous shoes from the large variety on view?

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