

with money. Miss Anderson's way of putting things would melt the heart of a stone, and there must be some stony hearts somewhere—or conditions amongst the poor would not be so terrible.

I saw the Germans enter a Belgian town in 1914. I could not help admiring their orderly methods of doing even devils' work. Down each side of the street they marched—hammer in one hand, inflammable stuff and matches in another; smash went the windows; other fiends followed on. Many houses were soon in flames. I thought of some rookeries I knew in city slums in some of the richest cities in the world—London, Liverpool, Glasgow. I longed for those hammers, and thought what a pity our sanitary officers could not be legitimately enlisted by our municipalities to demolish slum houses in like manner. Unless decent houses are compulsory for human habitation, we need not flatter ourselves that the moral stamina and the physical well-being of the nation will improve.

Yours sincerely,

T. F. N. SISTER.

#### A SEED HERE AND A SEED THERE.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I *did* feel disappointed when I read that my compatriot, Miss Jeanette Rankin—the first American woman Member of Parliament—had not voted in support of this modern crusade, and supported our President in his great adventure. I feel proud we are in this war at last. Why should all these barbarians be permitted to over-run and terrorise the world? The rape of women, murder of children, defiling and devastation of homes, starving and murder of prisoners, murder of wounded men and innocent women on land and sea, poisoning and defiling of wells, bombing of Kitchener—(I hope Mr. Lloyd George is well guarded)—and treachery and lies all along the line—it is time the whole world rose and restored civilization. I remember so well what you said to me last year when I applied for service with the F.F.N.C.: "It is a Corps of British Nurses; I am sorry, but you are not eligible." "That seems rather hard," I said. "It is a great honour to nurse these very glorious Poilus," you replied, "and when your men are sharing their agony in the trenches, then American women will be worthy to work in the war zone."

I wrote that little story to one of our politicians. He was very pleased with it; he spread it around. It touched up more than one voter. A seed here and a seed there, and thus a field is in flower!

Yours very cordially,

AN AMERICAN NURSE.

#### POLICE AND PATROL WORK FOR WOMEN VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—I am venturing to ask for permission to appeal once more through your columns for recruits for the work of Policewomen and Patrol-

leaders. The depletion of male Police Forces, and the urgent need of combating the evils which sap the vitality of our country are creating a wide demand for women in Police Forces; and I am confident that if Women Volunteers could see the applications for Policewomen, Patrol-leaders and Paid Patrols which reach this School alone, and which, alas, we are too often obliged to refuse for lack of candidates, they would throw to the winds all doubts as to the need for such work, and would offer themselves in much larger numbers.

We want well educated women between 27 and 40, tactful, sympathetic and strong, with experience, initiative and common sense, for the work to be done must, in these initial stages, owe its value largely to the individuality of the workers. We charge no fee for training, which covers a period of three months and comprises police-court attendance, patrolling, report-writing, case-investigation, drill, first aid, &c., and though the cost of maintenance nominally falls on the candidate during the course a salary is sometimes paid her during the third month of it, whilst training grants are available for special cases. Previous experience in Patrol or Social work may also count as part of the course, and so curtail its length.

The salaries of Policewomen, &c., range from 30s. to £2 10s. a week, uniform being usually provided by the Appointment Committee. Volunteers are asked to write for details, stating age, height, experience, &c., to the Director, 81A, Queen's Road, Bristol.

I am, yours faithfully,

D. O. G. Peto,

Director.

Bristol Training School for  
Women Patrols and Police.  
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#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

##### QUESTIONS.

April 28th.—How would you prepare a patient for the operation of removal of an eye? Describe the subsequent nursing care.

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