

If this be true, is it not singular that an all-wise Creator—in whose existence we doctors believe to a greater extent perhaps than some clerics would allow—should thereby visit the innocent to a greater extent than the guilty?

Does not this conception rather remind you of the boastful blasphemy of a good old German Gott who is held to encourage the waging of war by dropping bombs on women and children in East London? And is syphilis heaven-sent, while attempts to cure the sufferers emanate from the devil? A curious inversion truly!

But apart from this, does the eradication of syphilis really interfere at all with the work of the professor of religion? Is fear of the consequences the only motive to be held out for the attainment of sexual rectitude? Is his armoury so empty of weapons as that? Personally, I cannot believe that cleanliness is antagonistic to godliness, or that a community freed from syphilis would therefore be less moral.

Lastly, we must remember that, terrible as syphilis is in the damage it does to the individual and to the State, though with apparent injustice it attacks the innocent more than the guilty, yet above all things it can be detected and cured with precision. So, in taking your message to the sufferers and the unwary, sound the single clear note of hope, and not the discordant chorus of terror and secrecy.

SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, March 22, at 4 p.m., to receive an important communication from the Royal British Nurses' Association, at which it is hoped members will make every effort to be present.

The President has received with gratitude the following donations:—Mr. R. A. McEwen Haslam (per Miss Rose Conway), £2 2s.; Lieut.-Colonel Goodall, £1; Miss M. E. Chesters, 10s.; Miss A. Henderson (South Africa), 10s.

As the campaign in support of the Justice to Nurses' Bill is necessarily costly, owing to the boycott of the nurses' point of view by the Metropolitan Press, which excludes all letters sent by them and their advocates, donations and subscriptions, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

No need to send guineas: shillings are just as welcome, as all the work in connection with the Society is voluntary.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Sister C. Mitchell, now in her fourth year's service, and Mme. Jamard (Sister Hendrie) have been awarded "*L'Insigne Spécial en or*," which the French Government gives to nurses who have three or more years' meritorious service to their credit.

Sisters Rawlings, Jeffery, and Maize have the *Insignes* in silver.

Sister C. Perkins, Sister Lewis, and Sister Pope have also received the *Insignes* and citations.

These rewards represent years of hard skilled work, and great self-sacrifice upon the part of the Sisters.

We are glad to announce that the French Authorities are granting the Free Warrant through to their homes for all *personnel* going on leave who are attached to a French Army Corps (including the F.F.N.C Sisters) from Havre as well as from Boulogne. Each individual Movement Order must be made out for leave to destination in Great Britain, and should be taken on arrival at Havre to be stamped at the T.M. Dépôt, 37, rue Boulevard de Strasbourg, where an order is issued for delivery to the Railway Company at the Boat Shed.

At Boulogne the order must be stamped by the Commissionaire Militaire at the railway station.

These free return tickets will be a great boon, and enable the Sisters to enjoy their holidays each six months without undue strain on slender purses.

Many of her friends will be pleased to know that, after four and a-half months' serious illness in Paris, Miss Grace Ellison is now at Bordeaux, convalescing under the care of Dr. Anna Hamilton. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery. With spring and sunshine coming, the weary winter must be forgotten.

Sister Claudia Gaudin has resigned upon her approaching marriage with a Frenchman, serving his country on active service, of course. Sister Gaudin, whose home is in the Channel Islands, is of French descent, so that with affection, "substantial" prospects, and sympathy on national ideals, their happiness should, and we hope will be complete.

We gratefully acknowledge two parcels from Mrs. Scroggie of Prenton, containing a number of welcome gifts for the patients of the Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps. They include 2 night shirts, 2 pairs slippers, 1 muffler, 3 pairs wristlets, 9 pairs socks, 3 pillow-cases, 20 face cloths, 8 towels, 18 treasure bags, 24 handkerchiefs, 6 boxes of shaving soap, 6 writing blocks, 6 packets of envelopes, 6 pencils, 1 pair mittens, and 300 cigarettes. These will be welcome indeed to Sisters and patients alike.

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