

### TAILS UP.

We have constant complaints from nurses in the country that they are unable to get extra copies of this JOURNAL. We regret this, as the more nurses who study a professional as against lay edited publications for nurses, the better. But when we receive orders for 50 copies at a time from non-subscribers when one item is of special interest to them, we would remind our appreciative readers that paper is still rationed, and that it is very difficult to meet such large orders after the week's supply has been printed. May we advise trained nurses who, at this crisis of their affairs, desire to keep up with their professional affairs, that the best course is to become an annual subscriber, and that to meet their needs we have already announced a scheme for their benefit.

Owing to the cost of production at the present enormous increase of printing, paper, publishing—more than double the cost before the war—the *B.J.N.* is now 2d. weekly instead of 1d., but any Matron, Sister, Nurse, or Midwife, who is a member of an organized Professional Society of Nurses or Midwives, may have the JOURNAL weekly, post free, by subscribing 6s. 6d. for the year at home, and 9s. abroad. The name of the Society must be sent in, with the order and money, to the Manager, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, and *not* to the Editor. All matter of a literary nature may be sent to the Editor at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, who is always pleased to receive items of news and newspapers marked which readers may wish noticed. The JOURNAL has made much marked progress during the past year, in spite of many difficulties consequent upon war, and in spite of attack has fulfilled its obligations to the profession at large, in standing straight and firm for its rightful professional status, and in exposing the widespread attempt by confirmed anti-registrationists to grasp its absolute control by hospital officials—the policy of the anti-registration party these thirty years.

We rejoice to find an ever-increasing number of nurses realising their *duty to their profession*, and unless they are prepared to be legislated for like sheep, they must be up and doing in their own defence.

We cannot leave this question of the value of a professional organ in the press, to any body of professional workers, without a word of thanks to our splendid little band of voluntary workers who have maintained this privilege for nurses during this time of stress. The names

of Margaret Breay, Henrietta Hawkins, Beatrice Kent, Annie Hulme, Ada Jessop, Phillis Craig, Isabel Macdonald, and Clara Belaysse Myers (our Poet Laureate), have contributed service to their colleagues of the highest value. Reporting, transcribing, creating, writing, and clerical work, all have been most generously given—a veritable labour of love. The Hon. Editor desires here and now to express her gratitude for the £1,000 annually—the lowest estimate at which this expert and ceaseless work can be valued—and she thinks the profession owes them a vote of thanks too.

The *B.J.N.* means to have a Peace Party, at which these ladies will be the guests of honour. We women often, through ignorance, fail to recognise at how great a sacrifice our liberties are maintained.

### NURSING ECHOES.

*The Ladies' Field* states that "Princess Arthur of Connaught has received many congratulations from Royal relatives and friends on her admirable and prize-winning paper on 'Eclampsia' in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Heather-Bigg have been elected on to the Executive Committee of the Ministry of Health Watching Council, organized by the Viscountess Rhondda, which hopes to be able to offer reliable and expert advice, during the passage of the Ministry of Health Bill, on the various interests involved.

We have been officially informed that:—

With gratitude and after much careful thought the Treasurer and Almoners of St. Thomas' Hospital have accepted the most generous trust in the gift of St. John's House for private Nurses, which will in future be known as St. John's and St. Thomas' Private Nurses' House.

In accepting this trust their wishes are clear; they desire only that it shall be for those Nurses who are desirous of taking up private nursing, and that the public should feel they can obtain from such an affiliation Nurses of high standard and training.

The Governors also desire that it should be clearly understood that in this affiliation no benefit shall accrue to the Hospital. Nurses will receive their own fees, less the smallest possible percentage, with the privileges and comforts which the House will bring them.

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