

THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!

He appeared suddenly upon the scene, a middle-aged, dapper man, and stated his object in calling without preamble.

He was desirous of resuming his original profession of a male nurse, and would be obliged if our organisation could advise him.

"I have," he said modestly, "great success with dipsomaniacs. There is something in my personality that tells with them. I call to mind one gentleman in particular; he had baffled a good many till I went to him. He would hide bottles of brandy in most unlikely places. Well, I began by not opposing him and to win his confidence I shared the brandy with him, and in two months he was cured."

I expressed the polite surprise that was expected of me and said I felt sure that such valuable services could not long be unattached. I pointed out to him, however, that many of the Male Nursing Associations required temperance nurses. Would that be a drawback in his eyes? "No, madam," he assured me pleasantly, "none whatever," and he left the office with the address of more than one in his pocket.

A STRAY LAMB.

She sat there, good for the most part, while the long service proceeded, a tiny figure of a child whose age could be dated only, from somewhere in the autumn of 1914.

She sucked two fingers of her chubby hand, only removing them to make the Holy Sign as she perceived her elders do.

For a time the lights and colour and movement interested her, but after a while she became weary and asked in an audible voice, "Is it nearly done, Mummy?"

Mummy was a homely-featured person, plainly, nay, shabbily dressed; but there was something beautiful about her face as she put her sheltering arm lovingly about the child.

This Englishwoman was not her own "Mummy." The tongue she spoke was to her a foreign tongue. This small child, with her bare legs, was a stranger in a strange land.

Whence came she? Gently or lowly born? What her parentage? What her name? Perchance somewhere her own mother lives and agonises for her lost babe; or, perchance, from her haven in Paradise she blesses that homely woman who mothers her child. For this little unconscious one is one of the victims of Hun brutality, and "Mummy" is just a negligible, obscure person whom the Good Shepherd calls "The Blessed of My Father."

THE TRAGEDY OF NORTHERN FRANCE.

At the suggestion of Sir Harry Brittain, a delegation of Englishwomen left London on Wednesday to visit the devastated areas of Northern France. It is hoped that on their

return the members, who are to be selected from all classes, will, as a result of their visit, be able to give their sisters at home a clearer and more vivid comprehension of just what German domination meant for France and for the women of France during their reign of terror. The splendid courage of the French people of all classes during this terrible invasion is one of the finest lessons of the war.

Miss G. R. Hale (Matron of the Garrett-Anderson Hospital and of the Endell Street Military Hospital) was, we believe, the only trained nurse included in this first party of women visitors. A lady of wide sympathies and keen patriotism, she will, we feel sure, appreciate sincerely an opportunity for personal observation, and will bring home to us upon her return a moving account of the tragic sufferings and devastation of Northern France and its people—to whom every acre is sacred.

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

The Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition, which, in pre-war times, was an annual fixture at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, will this year be held at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman Street, Oxford Street, London, W., from April 28th to May 2nd (inclusive), from noon to nine each day.

In connection with the Exhibition a Conference has been somewhat hurriedly arranged. It is hoped to deal with the following subjects—Fever Nursing, State Registration, a Uniform Curriculum, Nursing as a Profession (Dr. H. C. Crouch), Tuberculosis Colonies (Dr. Varrier-Jones), Venereal Disease (Dr. Victoria Bennett), Poor-law Problems (Miss A. C. Gibson), District Nursing (arranged by the Q.V.J. Institute), Salaries and Conditions. These Conferences will be held at the Mortimer Hall, Mortimer Street, W. (close to Regent Street), on the afternoons and evenings of Monday, April 28th; Wednesday, April 30th; and Friday, May 2nd.

The Midwifery Sessions and Poor-law Session will be held in the small hall on the first floor of St. Andrew's Hall, Newman Street, Oxford Street (in the same building as the Exhibition), on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, April 29th, and Thursday, May 1st. Midwives and health workers should note these dates.

Tickets for the Conference and Exhibition may be had for six penny stamps, which includes a free catalogue, from the Exhibition Secretary, 32, Great Portland Street, W.

By the kindness of Lieut.-Colonel J. Powell, Commanding Officer, nurses are invited to visit the fine military orthopaedic hospital in Ducane Road, Shepherd's Bush (a short tram ride from Hammersmith or Wood Lane Stations), on April 29th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Here they will see the latest methods of treating injuries to the limbs

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