

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Grace Ellison, delegate of the French Ministry of War, whose portrait we publish with the kind consent of the Editor of the *Gentlewoman*, stood firmly for the three years' standard when inaugurating the French Flag Nursing Corps. "Only the best is good enough for our great Ally" was the motto of the Committee, and there is now plenty of evidence to prove the wisdom of its policy. Had other Nursing Services taken the same loyal stand towards the Nursing Profession we should have no fear of V.A.D.'s demanding registration during the term of grace, as foreshadowed in the speech of Lord Sandhurst in the debate on the College of Nursing, Ltd., Bill in the House of Lords, which Bill as drafted provides for any number of Supplementary Registers.

In a desolate quarry midway between Bodmin and Camel-ford, on the moors of North Cornwall, says the *Daily Chronicle*, a memorial is being fashioned out of granite to the memory of Nurse Cavell.

This figure represents a woman, with arms half upraised, nursing a little child on her lap, whilst underneath, on the base of the monument, is carved a cross. The group is symbolical of the stronger nations protecting the weaker States, whilst the cross is the emblem of mercy.

Miss Tennyson Jesse is not very flattering to our profession in her new book, "The Sword of Deborah," in which she lightly dismisses the great part played by nurses in the war. Of W.A.A.C.s and F.A.N.Y.s and others, who had comparatively easy and exciting work, she

has quite a high opinion—but evidently trained nurses have aroused her ire. She writes thus:

"Personally I have long had a theory that women are not meant to be nurses. It brings out all that is worst in them. The love of routine for its own sake is fostered in them. Evidently nursing is a thing, like love-making, which should never become a profession."

Let us hope when, if ever, Miss Jesse is seriously ill, and employs an unprofessional person to minister to her, she may have no cause to learn the lesson of her life!



Hoppé.

MISS GRACE ELLISON,

Who was appointed a delegate to the Ministry of War by the French Government and Director-General of the French Flag Nursing Corps. She is an officer of the French Academy.

As the result of an appeal for the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses, in Farm Street Church, a cheque for £88 15s. 6d. has been forwarded to the institution.

The Superintendent of Queen's Nurses at Brighton is in urgent need of some hypodermic syringes, which are now very expensive, and will be pleased to receive them at 14, Wellington Road, Brighton, if Matrons or Commandants of any of the numerous military hospitals in Sussex now closing down can spare them for the use of the sick poor. Brighton is such a wealthy town it should provide from its superfluity all the needs of its poor, but it has not

the character of being too lavish in gifts of charity.

Among recent gifts to the London Hospital has been a cheque for £1,550 sent by an anonymous donor for the purchase of a house to be used as a hostel for pregnant women who are undergoing treatment at the hospital. Sir Frederick Green, the vice-president, has also sent £1,000, and a munificent gift of £15,000 has been sent by the Goldsmiths' Company to found a Chair of Bacteriology.

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