

also, is "the Loyal Sister" who is lending herself to anonymous accusations in the "Burdett" press? Perhaps time will tell.

THE MORAL.

One thing must be apparent to every private nurse working on the co-operative system—how dangerous it is to place her professional reputation and power of earning a living at the disposal of a lay corporation, who have taken power by articles of incorporation to remove her from membership with a few days' notice *without power of appeal*.

This autocratic power has been secured through the Board of Trade both by the Hon. Members of the Nurses' Co-operation, and the Lay Signatories of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and woe betide those nurses who dare to question the infallibility of their masters.

It is high time all these Nursing Companies promoted and dominated by laymen, often the direct employers of nurses, ceased to exist. They are a terrible menace to the liberty of conscience of the Nursing Profession.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"Bart's" is in the throes of its forthcoming bazaar, to be held in the Great Hall on March 4th. The Committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Women's Guild are appealing for every sort of gift short of live stock. Cakes and sweets will be welcome and many nurses make these very well. Contributions are to be sent to Mrs. W. G. Lovell, at the Matron's office.

The Lord Mayor, presiding at the eighty-fourth Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Hospital for Cancer, Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, City Road, E.C., on February 12th, in moving the adoption of the Report, drew attention to the fact that £2,300 is owing to the bankers, and appealed for help (1) to wipe out that debt, and (2) to meet ordinary expenditure.

During the year the hospital treated 1,509 out-patients and 655 in-patients. The fact that the latter number was lower than in 1918 was partly due to an increase in serious cancer cases requiring long painstaking treatment.

The Rt. Hon. C. Addison, M.D., M.P., Sir Robert Morant, K.C.B., and other distinguished guests have intimated their intention of being present at the dinner, which the Federation of Medical and Allied Societies is giving on the 25th inst. at the Café Royal, and at which Sir Bertrand Dawson, G.C.V.O., C.B., M.D., is to be the guest of honour.

It is a well-known fact that resistance to infection from influenza is weakened by an attack, and that relapses are common. Chloramine-T, a comparatively new antiseptic, is very highly spoken of by some medical practitioners as a gargle, and douche, in cases of ordinary nasopharyngeal infections.

DOWN WITH DOLES.

DAILY TELEGRAPH'S SHILLING FUND FOR NURSES.

The Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* is still devoting, day by day, much space to the Shilling Fund for "Our Nurses," and claiming that the "profession of nursing" is enthusiastically supporting this offensive appeal. This is an entirely erroneous deduction. The Nursing Profession, as a whole, is indignantly opposed to the methods employed by the *Daily Telegraph* to extract "the shining, the silver shilling" from the pockets of its sentimental middle-class readers, and protests against being classed with "the outcast, the heathen, and the rude Barbarium."

The people who are inspiring this appeal are the Council of the College of Nursing Co., on which there is only one working nurse, and we presume she would not be there unless she was in sympathy with its policy. She can be removed *without appeal* if the majority of the Council so elect.

This Council has sent urgent letters to the Matrons who control its provincial centres to appeal for support for the Fund in the local press, and during the past fortnight, without the consent or approval of local nurses, they have been held up *in forma pauperis* in the local press throughout the provinces.

A DAY AFTER THE FAIR.

The Editor, no doubt in complete ignorance of nursing affairs, makes the untrue statement that "until this Nursing Company was formed, trained nurses were unorganised. The nurses won their Royal Charter in 1893, and have splendid professional powers as members of the Royal British Nurses' Association incorporated by it. These professional women decline to be associated with a Nursing Company controlled by their lay employers. The *Daily Telegraph* must wake up.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" RECANTS.

In the meanwhile the *Daily Telegraph* has been compelled to publish a recantation concerning the story told in its issue of the 4th inst. by Mrs. Martin Harvey—of the V.A.D. who risked her life to get washing water for a friend, in defiance of orders—and to admit it was incorrectly given as referring to the late Miss Betty Stevenson, *Croix de Guerre*, of the Y.M.C.A.

Comment is superfluous!

"NURSE JULIET."

But what is not superfluous, so far as the charitable public is concerned, is the story of "Nurse Juliet," and we invite a straight reply from the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* to our straight question.

Is "Nurse Juliet" a real or fictitious personality? Has the money subscribed to the Shilling Fund for Nurses, as the direct result of the harrowing appeal in "Nurse Juliet's" name, been extracted from the public by a mythical story—or has it not?

We call upon Lord Burnham and his Editor to satisfy the public on this point. Has the *Daily Telegraph* descended to fiction because its appeal cannot be justified by fact?

We ask—is there, or is there not, "any such a person?"

It is the duty of the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* to publish the fullest information on this matter.

"NURSE JULIET HARRIS."

A risible little story is going the rounds of the Nurses' clubs.

One warm-hearted nurse, overhearing callous discussion by her colleagues of the "woes of Nurse Juliet

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