

The Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Bill. "Le Roy le Veult"—The Nurses' Registration (Ireland) Bill. "Le Roy le Veult."

All the nurses present appeared absolutely motionless yet deeply moved.

It was an experience in suppressed emotion I shall never forget.

When again I realised my surroundings, the Lord Chancellor was reading the King's Speech in his beautiful voice—a hopeful and spirited Speech, recording great national events and paternal pride.

Then Parliament was prorogued, and the Lord Chancellor preceded once more by that glistening "bauble," passed with a swinging stride, yet dignified withal, "the seats of the mighty" from which the honoured nurses had risen, and were standing at attention.

Then bubbling over with joy we left the Lordly Chamber to find in the lobbies a host of congratulatory friends, and thus into Parliament Square, where, if I am not mistaken, two of our number (and seniors at that) jazzed lightly past the sombre statue of Cromwell, to his evident consternation.

"ONE OF THE OLD GUARD."

#### REGISTER OF EMERGENCY NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—You were good enough to insert a paragraph in your reading matter, drawing attention to the advertisement which appeared in four numbers of your JOURNAL in regard to the establishment of a Register of Emergency Nurses. So large a number of applications have been received that the Executive Committee of the Central Nursing Council, at their Meeting yesterday, asked me to send a further paragraph in the hope that you would be good enough to insert it or something similar, so that the Nursing Associations of London might be fully acquainted with the facilities now provided for them.

I remain,

Yours truly,

ZOE C. PUXLEY,

Joint Hon. Secretary,

Central Council for District Nursing in London.

[We have pleasure in drawing attention to this excellent scheme—the Panel of Emergency District Nurses for London—on page 3 of this week's issue.—ED.]

#### MEMORIES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—Christmas dawns again! and the very fact brings to memory the many kind, encouraging words you never failed to send us when we were far separated from the warmth and pleasures of the Christmas hearth at home. We always felt we were thought of and provided for. Now I just send these few lines to wish you a happy Christmas and much prosperity in the coming year; let us hope it will bring peace among men and that these dreadful times may right themselves and see an end to all these hapless conflicts and uprisings.

Just now my heart is full of memories of the simple, happy, self-made little Christmases spent with my dear soldiers, and how they helped to arrange and plan little things, as much as they were bodily able, to brighten their surroundings, and thus enable them to dispel for the moment the thoughts of the sad and revolting scenes already taking place within close reach of our little unfortified quarters.

With renewed good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

##### THE NURSING ACTS.

C. B. M.—"Your telegram to hand. God Save the King. I hope a Thanksgiving Service is being arranged. *Avec esprit on arrive à tout.*"

Sister Mary Tower.—"The greatest victory of Right over Might working women have won off their own bat. . . . Politics are not so degenerate after all."

Citizen Nurse.—"We devoured the *B.J.N.* Dr. Addison and Major Barnett will not lack women canvassers at the next election if gratitude means anything to the Nursing Profession."

Nurse Mary Lang.—"The best Christmas ever."

Sister Eleanor.—"Got the good news on Christmas Eve. Couldn't sleep for excitement. Suppose it is not etiquette to thank the King. How I should have loved to have been in the House of Lords to hear His Will expressed on our affairs. What a thrilling moment."

Member of Another League.—"To think that this splendid work has been done for us—and our League has taken no part in it! I envy the members of the Bart's League, who have shown such an admirable public spirit. They deserve the honour which devolves upon their school in connection with State Registration, as pointed out by Mrs. Andrews at the recent League meeting: (1) That a Matron initiated the reform; and (2) a one-time medical student, as Health Minister, introduced legislation and placed the Nursing Acts on the Statute Book, and (3) the Treasurer of Bart's carried them through the House of Lords—an extraordinary coincidence. It is a lesson to Nurses' Leagues not to shirk responsibility, as so many of them have done—ours amongst them."

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

January 3rd.—What measures would you adopt to check hæmorrhage from (a) The lungs (hæmoptysis), (b) a deep cut in the forearm, (c) a ruptured varicose vein?

January 10th.—What nursing treatment and management are required for a case of infantile wasting?

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