

Street Collections and Victory Balls for Nurses. By no other profession would such a thing be tolerated; the Nursing Profession alone must suffer this degradation. Clergymen, lawyers and medical men would not, for a moment, countenance this practice in connection with themselves, but *they* have the control of their own affairs. Nurses, whose business is almost entirely in the hands of hospital authorities and titled lay people, have to submit to this treatment, though they bitterly resent it. The thing to be done is to pay Nurses an adequate salary, so that they may provide for themselves; not to ask for public charity on their account.

It is the custom to get the last ounce possible out of members of the Profession, and then it is evidently considered the proper thing to send out people with little tin boxes to ask for help for those who have become ill and worn out. We hope the general public will realise that it is not by the wish of the nurses themselves that this is done.

Already a very large sum of money—the Nation's Fund for Nurses and the Tribute Fund—has been collected, ostensibly for nurses who have suffered through war service; but speaking from personal experience, I have never once (although I have tried many times) been able to get any help for a nurse in distress from these Funds. Much of the money has gone into the coffers of a Society that is practically governed by hospital authorities and the laity.

Yours faithfully,

MAUDE MACCALLUM,  
Hon. Secretary.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses,  
62, Oxford Street, W.1.

#### AN APPEAL TO OUR READERS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—The Lord Mayor has kindly consented to a meeting being held at the Mansion House, on St. Luke's Day, October 18th, at 3 p.m., in aid of the Royal Northern Group of Hospitals, on whose behalf Viscount Ednam, M.P., Rt. Hon. H. J. Tennant, Mrs. Kendal, Mr. Stuart de la Rue, and others, will speak.

Few Hospitals have been hit by the changing times as badly as this institution, which, being practically unendowed, has to raise the bulk of the money required each year for maintenance from voluntary sources.

In these most difficult times, all wards have been kept open, but the result is an accumulated debt, which now amounts to £36,000. Unless a large part of this sum is forthcoming by the end of the year, we shall have to curtail considerably the activities of a Hospital organisation, which even now, is scarcely adequate to the needs of the immense area served.

The public, realising that the past few years have been critical ones for the Hospitals generally have responded nobly, but I appeal to your readers, especially those interested in the vast district of North London, to send a remittance, however,

small, to me at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, so that an efficient Hospital service may be kept available for a population of a million people.

Yours faithfully,

NORTHAMPTON,  
Chairman.

Royal Northern Hospital,  
Holloway Road, N. 7.

October 12th, 1922.

#### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

##### STOP IMMIGRATION OF UNDESIRABLE ALIENS.

*A Social Worker.*—"May I emphasise the danger to the national *morale*, character, and physique from the immigration of undesirable aliens, who herd together in disgusting proximity and undersell our working people? To-day I called on a hard-working Englishwoman employed as a scrubber. She returned from work pumped out, her municipal work having been to clean rooms vacated by filthy Jewish aliens—a nice occupation for a self-respecting *Englishwoman*! Also may I draw the attention of social workers and nurses to a little journal, "The Hidden Hand," published to advocate the right of Britons to possess and rule Britain, free from Jew domination secured through their international finances. I ask them to probe this matter."

[The *London Gazette* of September 26th reports that 666 ex-enemy aliens landed in this country during August. No wonder we are taxed up to the eyes to help our unemployed.—ED.]

#### WHERE TO REGISTER.

Apply for Application Form to the Registrar:—

ENGLAND AND WALES—12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

SCOTLAND—13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

IRELAND—33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Forms should be carefully filled in and the names given for references from persons who have agreed to supply them.

#### PLEASE NOTE.

The Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will be grateful if all Registered Nurses will quote the number of their Registration Certificates, and state if they are on the General or Supplementary Register when sending in the retention fee of 2s. 6d.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*October 28th.*—What are the four principal causes of maternal mortality in order of importance, and how can they be prevented?

*November 4th.*—Describe the preparation of a patient for receiving an anæsthetic. What precautions would you take before and after?

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