

"NO MORE WAR" PROCESSION.

The sight presented to the eye of the pedestrian on Saturday afternoon, July 29th, when the Section of the "No More War" Procession, organised by the British Section of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, started from the Embankment, was very fine. It consisted almost entirely of women and children, each the bearer of a bunch of flowers, which, together with the gay banners and pennons, gave a striking note of colour.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses had been asked to organise the Nurses' Section under the aegis of the W.I.L.P., and Mrs. Northwood, on behalf of the Union, laid upon the Cenotaph a handsome bouquet of flowers, together with an illuminated card bearing the words:—

"The Professional Union of Trained Nurses.—May our work be for the healing of the nations, and to put an end to destruction."

Mrs. Armstrong, on behalf of those of the P.U.T.N. who served in the Army during the war, also laid on the steps a bunch of flowers, together with an appropriate card, as did Miss Le Geyt on behalf of the Public Health Section. There were also beautifully illuminated cards from the Women's International League of Peace and the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association.

One of the most charming features of this special Section of the procession was the band of girls clad in white and gold, representing the Eccleston Guild House.

The great success of their work must be very encouraging to the Women's International League of Peace, who were entirely responsible for the arrangements of this special branch of the procession.

LITTLE CUCKOO FLOWER.

At the London Sessions, on July 27th, Robert Charles Hill, Walworth, was sentenced by Mr. A. J. Lawrie to nine months' imprisonment without hard labour, for an offence against a little girl of ten.

Police evidence showed that the prisoner was at one time a member of the Westminster Board of Guardians, and for several years its chairman. From 1902 to 1912 he was a member of the Westminster City Council, and a special constable from 1916 to 1921.

The prisoner, when sentenced, declared his innocence.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

August 12th.—What is meant by decubitus? Give some characteristic examples.

August 19th.—Describe some common diseases of the skin, their characteristic appearance, and their nursing care.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A ONE-PORTAL EXAMINATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—On July 13th, the nursing authorities of England and Wales were invited by the General Nursing Council to confer with them with regard to the draft syllabus of examination.

After full consideration, the following resolution was carried by a large majority.

"That the examination be divided into two parts; the first examination covering the subjects of Elementary Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, to be the preliminary examination for admission to the Register or any Supplementary Register. Training for this examination may be taken at any Hospital (General, Mental, Fever or Children's) certified by the General Nursing Council as affording proper facilities."

It is surprising to learn that at the meeting of the General Nursing Council on July 21st, the only step taken to give effect to this resolution was to refer it back to the Education Committee for report.

Many consider one examination at the end of a three years' training quite inadequate; many consider it of the first importance that there should be a one-portal examination through which every Nurse must pass before she can enter the profession, whatever branch she may elect to take up.

I hope that those interested in nursing will not allow this matter to be pigeon-holed, but will insist that the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council formulate a scheme to carry out the clearly expressed views of the Conference without further delay.

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"ONCE BITTEN," &c.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—If you consider the matter worthy of space, may I, as a student of occult truth, point out that a future incarnation of our Editor fifty years hence is extremely unlikely.

Earth-lives spent mainly in unselfish aspiration and endeavour are generally separated by a period of about 1,500 years, the greater part of this intervening period being passed in the bliss of the heaven-world. So those who have so long fought for their ideals of nursing will probably find these in full manifestation, on their rebirth, and will be able and ready to apply their exceptional reforming and organising faculty to some other neglected point of evolution.

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[The Editor sincerely hopes that she will never again be called upon to take part in any evolutionary movement—at all events until Truth and Honour are recognised as indispensable adjuncts to progress.—ED.]

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