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EDITORIAL.

"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE."

As each Armistice Day draws near our minds are filled with sacred and poignant memories of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War, for their King and Country, and for the Cause of Freedom, and our hearts with affection and reverence for our dead. On the eve of its tenth anniversary this year the Queen, with that understanding sympathy which so endears Her Majesty to those with whom she comes in contact has sent, through *The Times*, a message, which we print below, to the Women of the Empire which will bring comfort and consolation to many aching hearts.

THE WOMEN OF THE EMPIRE.

MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Buckingham Palace,
November 9th, 1928.

All who have visited the War Cemeteries must have been moved to the heart, as I was, by their solemn beauty, and by the reverent care with which they are tended. We know, too, that the War Graves Commission surrounds them by the same care wherever they may be.

In these Cemeteries rest many of the fearless and devoted women who gave their lives while serving as Army, Volunteer and Territorial Nurses; in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and in my own—Queen Mary's Corps.

Yet those who fell are not alone in having sacrificed all that life has to offer. Every man of our million dead may have been dearer than anything on earth to some one woman, and in every part of the Empire to-day are the women who go on living with wounds in their hearts that time cannot heal.

I wish that my voice could reach each one of them with a word of loving sympathy.

MARY R.

Those whose good fortune it has been to visit the War Cemeteries know the healing power of their "solemn beauty," but there are many who can never hope to make this pilgrimage. The Queen's assurance of the reverent care with which the graves of their loved ones

are tended must bring supreme consolation. They are not forgotten. Their name liveth for evermore.

The Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., also brings his tribute to the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission in a contribution to the War Graves number of *The Times*, in which he writes: "The magnitude and beauty of the task achieved must be seen to be understood; and I wish that the bereaved from all parts of the Empire might find, or be helped to find, occasion to make the same pilgrimage as I made. Nothing in the world could bring them so much solace and help as the sight of those cemeteries, so widely scattered in France and Belgium, but all tended with equal love and care and understanding by the hands of men who were formerly comrades of the dead."

TRAVELLING GRANTS.

The great responsibilities which members of the Nursing Profession are called upon to assume, and the demands made upon them to qualify for service in new directions, make it of the utmost importance that the education of the Nurse of to-day should be sound, varied and liberal, more especially as in the care of the sick, whether in hospitals or private houses, their work is so intensive that their outlook, often bounded by the walls of the ward or the sick room, inevitably tends to be circumscribed. Thus nothing is of greater educational value to nurses than travel overseas, whether in our own Dominions or in foreign countries, and the Council of the British College of Nurses did an exceptionally useful piece of work when it awarded travelling grants to five of its Fellows, to assist them to attend the International Tuberculosis Congress at Rome last September. It will be seen from the Reports which they made to the College on their return at the Opening Meeting of the Winter Session that they made good use of their opportunities, and contributed observations of considerable value to our sum of knowledge on the subject of Tuberculosis, and of the Italian Sanatoria.

But also, as these representatives testified, the visit to Rome was of intense pleasure to themselves; and will undoubtedly react advantageously upon their work, because of their freshness, and of their newly-acquired knowledge upon a variety of subjects. The Council of the British College of Nurses, composed as it is entirely of experienced Registered Nurses, has the advantage of being able to estimate what advantages, in its power to bestow, its Fellows and Members will most appreciate. In the front rank it places Travelling Grants, and we feel sure that in the award of those in connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis in Rome it will feel satisfied that its Funds have been well and fruitfully expended.

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