

## THE DUTY AND PRIVILEGE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE IN WAR.

Hand in hand with skilled medicine and surgery the ministrations of the Registered Nurse is the greatest remedial asset in war.

No body of women hold more honourable status in the body politic than the members of our Naval, Military and Air Force Nursing Services. In times of peace, wherever worn, their uniform commands respect, and in times of war the devotion of the fighting forces is their inspiration and reward.

The splendid body of Registered Nurses, now available in their tens of thousands for national service, will, we have no doubt, offer their skill and comfort to our sick and wounded, and although the reactionary Ministry of Health has ignored their legal title in every memorandum concerning the nursing services issued to the profession and the public, that lack of consideration will in no way affect their devotion to King and Country. As citizens of the British Empire the Registered Nurses are all out to serve with the utmost ardour and devotion.

### OUR COLLEAGUES OVERSEAS.

It is indeed a heartening thought that we are to have the support of the great Dominions in this struggle with tyranny. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa; also that of the Indian Empire, of far-flung Colonies and Isles of the Sea. Splendid progress in nursing efficiency has raised standards of health throughout the world since the Great War, and even then the splendid contingents of Dominion Nurses left little to desire.

Nothing so far has been agreed as to the organisation of Nurses from overseas, but we feel sure that nothing will content them but participation on active service in the present struggle, and in whatever capacity they may serve they will be warmly welcome. Alas! our American colleagues must stand aside, as President Roosevelt has signed the proclamation of neutrality, and its provisions take immediate effect. We realise that in spite of any law of expediency American Nurses are with us heart and soul in our demand that the sick and wounded shall be tended far and wide.

On our side there is an inexhaustible reservoir of moral force. Our strength is rooted in the common impulses which are present in the minds of all free peoples—minds that need no artificial priming—to resist persecution and cruelty wherever they may arise, to compass the liberation of man's soul, even through the fiery ordeal of war. It is because of the tremendous potency of moral forces in time of war that we can now face the ordeal with courage and confidence.

### LISTEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

The Prime Minister has told the world:—

"We have done all that any country could do to establish peace.

"The situation in which no word given by Germany's ruler could be trusted, and no people or country could feel safe, has become intolerable.

"And now that we have resolved to finish it, I know that you will all play your part with calmness and courage.

"Now may God bless you all. May He defend the right."

### BISHOP OF DURHAM ON CHRISTIANS' DUTY.

"We may be called upon to face danger and death suddenly, but Christian men and women know that they need not be afraid of that which can kill only the body. It is the death of the spirit of Christ in us which we are called upon to fear."

### "DIEU BENISSE LE CANADA."

#### Canada has Declared War on Germany.

During the debate in the House of Commons at Ottawa, Mr. Lapointe received a tremendous ovation when he used the Queen's final words on leaving Canada: "Dieu Benisse le Canada."

"Yes," said Mr. Lapointe, "God bless Canada, God save Canada, the soul, dignity and conscience of Canada; and God save our Queen."

### A ROYAL EXAMPLE.

Their Majesties are in residence at Buckingham Palace, and it goes without saying that they are setting the nation a right royal example.

The King, in appropriate uniform, has paid visits to the Admiralty, the War Office, the Headquarters of the Royal Air Force, and a number of official departments. The Queen, serene as usual, has also made a number of visits and inspections to Centres of Women's Work including the British Red Cross Society and to several hospitals. Both carry their gas-masks, no doubt as an example. We are fortunate indeed in this time of trial, to have this serene and inspiring example.

Our first thoughts in war are, of course, for our sick and wounded soldiers, but all around us are those needing kindness and support in a state of mental perturbation. Keep a supply of sympathy for these afflicted people; the parents, wives and lovers of defenders of the faith, absent and face to face with death, on land, sea and in the air.

The duty of help is the privilege of those for which no training is necessary, only that the heart warms to the sorrows of others.

### RED CROSS APPEAL.

#### Lord Mayor's Support.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Frank Bowater, has promised his support to the appeal made for the relief of sickness and suffering in the war by the Red Cross and St. John.

The Mansion House organisation will be placed at the disposal of the Duke of Gloucester and the Joint Societies.

All donations should be sent to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, marked Red Cross and St. John's appeal. All cheques to be crossed Bank of England.

A donation of £5,000 from the King and another of £2,000 from the Queen head a London Mansion House Fund.

Other Royal donations received are:—

Queen Mary, £1,800; the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, £1,000; the Duke and Duchess of Kent, £750; the Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, £500; the Duke of Connaught, £500.

The British Red Cross Society have moved to Compton Place, Eastbourne, lent by the Duke of Devonshire as headquarters.

### B.M.A. EMERGENCY PLAN.

The Central Emergency Committee of the British Medical Association has assumed the responsibility of providing the doctors needed in the fighting forces and for maintaining an adequate supply of medical practitioners for the civilian population in hospital and at home.

More than 95 per cent. of the medical profession has registered with the committee for this purpose, states the Ministry of Information.

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