

NURSING ECHOES.

Offers of hospitality for our Royal Children from lands overseas have been made in good faith, but British Royalty stands erect in the homeland with faith in "God Save the King."

Where in the world will be found such lovely children as in this land? Those in London are just perfect, and as we have worked in this city for 60 years we can compare the present generation with those in the past, and note the wondrous improvement in health and beauty. Kensington Gardens, a paradise of rare and glorious trees, shrubs and flowers, is a setting worthy of cherubs—of which no class has the monopoly. We need not wonder, therefore, that in these tragic days in our fortress island that our Dominions and the Americas are just clamouring to possess themselves of these jewels.

There is, of course, two sides to this emigration of our children—loss and gain. We wonder if anything can atone for loss of mother love, kind daddy, and devoted nannie—for home, as our people esteem it. Love of home, from the cottage to the castle, it is in the blood. And yet have we not been the great colonists of the earth? And now these same great Dominions, which our people have populated, are pleading that our children must sail away over great seas to safety in the bosom of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa—and the United States of America. Their precious lives must be saved from bombs and bloodshed, and youth and happiness preserved from demonism in human form. To go, or not to go, that is the question, and many a mother's heart will bleed whatever the decision. Already the great ships are crossing oceans and our children fading into the blue.

Will they come home again? We wonder.

Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service who were serving overseas and had suddenly to leave because of the German advance, have suffered serious financial loss. The reason, they allege, is the inadequacy of the Army allowances for the outfit they had to leave behind and are required to replace.

Large portions of field and camp outfits were sacrificed, as well as personal kit, valued at about £30. Claims may be made to recover both Service and personal losses, but on the basis of present or used value.

It is pointed out that nurses have necessarily to bear the larger part of the cost of replacement of kit and personal effects, since every claim is scaled down by 25 per cent.

Nurses ordered to the tropics have to renew at once all personal and home service kit, and also provide full tropical equipment. This is said to involve an expenditure of approximately £30, with an additional £10 for bedding.

We feel sure the present sympathetic Minister for War will desire to deal justly and generously with the members of this invaluable Nursing Service when the matter is fairly represented to him.

We are informed by The British Council, of which His Majesty the King is Patron, that many thousands of Norwegian sailors are following their calling in all parts of the world in the Allied cause. Numbers of those determined men frequently pass weeks in Britain while their ships are in port, and greatly appreciate British hospitality.

The Nursing Staff of the West Middlesex Hospital has given a lead. On August 3rd they entertained a hundred Norwegian merchant sailors to tea and a dance.

The generous example of the West Middlesex Hospital Nurses might well be followed. Mr. Ellingsen, who is in charge of the welfare work for the Norwegians, from the Norwegian Consulate-General's office, was in charge of the party.



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