War? With what devotion have they lavished their silent heroism!

To their country they have given that which they hold most dear—their husbands, their lovers, their children. They have shed tears over those who have fallen on the field of honour. No word of regret, of discouragement, has passed their lips. They tremble with anger against those who speak of a premature peace—a peace which would only be an armistice, a peace which would allow the Kaiser and German militarism to triumph.

The life and the death of Miss Cavell teach us that in support of a great cause one has never given enough when one has not given all. Like her, we will give to our country our soul, our reserve of money, our life itself, if it is necessary for the triumph of justice.

We will remain faithful to her memory during

the War, after the War.

Like her, we will school ourselves to have for our enemies no hatred, no bitterness. . On her tomb, we will plant the olive whose branches symbolize the ideal of peace for which Miss Cavell died.

But, if we are ready to pardon our enemies, we will never consent to extinguish in our hearts the hatred we have against evil, against misery, against war, against those who have made rivers of blood to flow.

We can never forget that thousands of young heroes, the flower and hope of humanity, have fallen, that their bones whiten the plains and the mountains. We cannot forget that women and orphans mourn for ever their sons, their husbands, their fathers. We cannot forget that legions of mutilated ones wander in the streets, touching our hearts with inexpressible pity.

And we know that if all these evils have been let loose upon the world, if there are rivers red with blood, it is the Emperor of Germany who has willed it, decreed it, that it is he who is responsible. It is he, with his son, his sons, his caste of cruel officers, his perfidious diplomatists . . . it is he who is the supreme culprit.

While this man remains unpunished there can

be no peace in the world.

England, France, Russia, Italy, united by the Convention of London, cannot, ought not, to consent to return the sword to its scabbard so long as the Head of the Hohenzollerns is not chastised.

"And you, Miss Cavell," said M. Baylet; "they have interred your body in a miserable grave, like that of a criminal, and your immortal soul is poised in ethereal spheres. You are a martyr; you appear to announce a new world. You raise our heart to the level of sacrifice... You enter immortality with the numberless legions of those who have died for their country. It is in you that the Allied nations possess the necessary force to drive the struggle to conclusive tests, to the day when we shall avenge our dead, to the day when by victory we shall erd this horrible war, and establish in the world the triumph of liberty and the brotherhood of nations."

## JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in the home hospitals:—

Temporary Hospital, Skinnergate, Darlington.— Miss M. Watt Allen.

V.A.D. Hospital, The Towers, Theydon Bois, Essex.—Mrs. M. Brown.

V.A.D. Hospital, North Deighton Manor, Wether-

by, Yorks.—Miss M. Yell.
Fairview Hospital, Chigwell, Essex.—Miss M. E.

Goode.
V.A.D. Hospital, Wallfields, Hertford.—Mrs.

Scott.

V.A.D. Hospital, Earl's Colne, Essex.—Miss

F. Clayton.

V.A.D. Hospital, Crawley Down, Sussex.—Miss M. E. Wood.

Auxiliary Hospital, Arnot Hill, Daybrook.—Miss M. Jackson.

St. George's Hospital, Willesden Lane, N.W.—Miss R. Gunn.

Canadian War Hospital, The Beach, Walmer.— Miss E. Ritchie.

9, Eastern Terrace, Brighton.—Miss E. Mahony. Combe Lodge Hospital, Gt. Warley, Essex.— Miss A. A. Grennan.

Foremark Hall, Repton, Derbyshire.—Mrs. Dowse. V.A.D. Hospital, Massandra, Weymouth.—Miss M. E. Townsend.

Farnborough Court Military Hospital, Farnborough.—Mrs. Jacobs.

Highbury House, Birmingham.—Miss M. E. Ienkins.

Divisional Clearing Hospital, Bedford.—Miss F. Macdonald.

Auxiliary Military Hospital, Brook House, Levenshulme.—Miss M. E. Price.

Red Cross Hospital, Gloucester.—Miss M. Wilkins.

## ABROAD.

The following Matron and Sisters have been deputed for duty abroad:—

Arc en Barrois.—Miss K. M. Moore, Matron (cert. Guy's Hospital). She has had wide experience both at home and abroad.

Duchess of Sutherland's Hospital, Calais.—Miss G. L. White, Miss M. Greave.

St. John's Brigade Hospital, Etaples.—Miss E. Gordon Grant, Miss V. Hartwell.

Isle of Wight Field Hospital (Mme. O'Gorman's), Bergues.—Miss W. Norris.

Mr. Will Crooks, M.P., told a characteristic story the other day at the diamond jubilee meeting at Poplar Hospital. He said that the day before he set out on a visit to our troops at the front, he called in at a school close to the hospital, and asked if they had any message to send to our gallant soldiers. At first there was a pause. Then a little girl's voice piped up, "Tell'em, Mr. Crooks, that we can sing 'God save the King' as well as they can."

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