

Miss Cavell was the daughter of Mrs. Cavell, the widow of the late Rev. J. Frederick Cavell, Vicar of Swardeston, Norfolk. To her mother, who at present lives in Norwich, and who had had no news from her daughter since last April, we offer in the name of the nursing profession our profound sympathy. Words are powerless in such a tragedy, but the whole nursing world will wish to assure the relatives of their colleague of their sorrow in their terrible bereavement.

Sir Edward Grey has asked the United States Government to request its Ambassador in Berlin to make a report regarding the circumstances of this dastardly execution of an Englishwoman.

Our murdered colleague was very devoted to animals, and, in our illustration, is seen seated in the garden, with her two faithful friends, whom she dearly loved.

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

A Sister writes from France:—"When I came here no one took THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Now you should see the fight for it every week, and how eagerly the Sisters enquire for it if it is a day late. We are all delighted over that article 'A Case for Kitchener.' Let us hope a satisfactory answer will be received. Here there have been three Matrons in less than a year, and a successive flow of nurses, simply because the laywomen who get the money from the public to keep it going will interfere with things they know nothing about, and knowing nothing of nursing etiquette, are always treading on professional toes, and disturbing the discipline. It is quite hopeless. Let us hope 'after the War' all nurses who have worked in military hospitals will combine, and have Red Cross nursing systems improved. As you say, at present 'the whole system is the acme of snobbery.' Society women have no more right to supervise and domineer over the nursing profession than their husbands have to dictate to the medical profession. We were sorry to notice that at the Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers the medical staff allowed the Matron and nurses to be thrown to the tigers. It was just the same at Barts. We are eagerly awaiting next week's JOURNAL."

The following nurses left England on Saturday en route for the Wounded Allies Relief Committee's Hospital at Kragujevatz, Serbia:—Miss Ethel Tyler, Miss Sybil Entwistle (Middlesex Hospital). Miss Sylvia Emily McGillicuddy is going out as lady-cook and general help. Dr. James Blair Donaldson, who is going to the same hospital as Surgeon Radiographer, will travel at the same time.

The Government in South Africa is despatching to Europe a hospital and staff, including about

43 nurses, with a possible 20 more to be enrolled, with Mrs. Creagh as Matron, and during her absence in Europe Miss Mary Nutt, R.R.C., will act as Matron-in-Chief of the South African Military Nursing Service.

The despatch of this contingent of nurses, which may be expected shortly, was suggested about six months ago by the *South African Nursing Record*, which announces with pleasure that the Government has in so short a time decided to send them to Europe. An illustration of the party appears on page 331.

The General Hospital is to be under the command of Colonel Stock, with Lieut.-Colonel Ward (President of the Orange Free State Medical Council) in charge of the medical division, and Lieut.-Colonel Ritchie Thomson in charge of the surgical.

A fund has been raised by our contemporary, to be administered by a small committee of which Lady Crewe is chairman. It is proposed that this shall be expended on the comfort of members of the nursing staff, and it is further suggested that a bureau shall be established in London by means of which the committee will be able to get into touch with any South African nurses who are out of employment, or otherwise stranded in Europe. Through the bureau it is hoped to keep in touch with every South African nurse who comes to Europe during the War.

Miss J. C. Child, R.R.C., is expected to follow shortly with two other sisters. Miss Child, formerly a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, has many friends in this country, to whom this news will be very welcome.

Miss C. Knox Cranford (Nurse), writes from Edinburgh, as follows, to the press, in support of the "Nurses' Bed" for Serbia:—

"Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to thank very sincerely all those who have so generously and promptly responded to my appeal for a 'Nurses' Bed?' In acknowledging 'with great gratitude,' the first payment of £62 19s., Mrs. Laurie said that the need was more pressing than ever, and it is therefore most gratifying to report, that, instead of having provided only one bed, already £100, sufficient to cover the cost of two beds for one year, has been collected. Some collecting boxes have still to be received, and as I propose to close the subscription list on 30th inst., nurses still desirous of contributing, or any persons wishing in this way to recognise the kindly attention they have received from nurses, will please send me their contributions before that date. It may be possible with their aid to name a third bed or complete a further sum of £25, which would at least maintain one for six months. The beds will be placed in the second Serbian unit of the Women's Hospital at Valjevo.

"Without the willing and invaluable co-operation of the matrons of several of the larger

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