

I am to add that the decision was come to unanimously, five members of the Executive Committee being present and one absent.

The following is excerpt from the minutes relating to the meeting of October 7th, dealing with the matter:—

"After considerable discussion, it was unanimously decided that it would be in the interests of the hospital to obtain a new Matron. The Chairman was requested to tell the Matron that the Committee wished to make a change, and that they would prefer she should leave without waiting for her full term of notice, and would pay her salary and expenses in lieu of notice."

Yours faithfully,

RUTH PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

Miss Florence Tubbs.

As statements calculated to damage the reputations of members of the nursing staff who have recently resigned their connection with the hospital, are being widely circulated, we must warn members of the Nursing Profession against accepting service at this institution, until the War Office has taken effective steps to protect their good names. The present Executive Committee have proved themselves quite incapable of sound judicial management of the nursing department, and we consider that the War Office should without delay appoint a committee representative of nursing opinion which would be qualified to maintain professional discipline in the institution. The present tone in the hospital makes this impossible.

#### PRUSSIA IN ST. PANCRAS.

The commercial nursing press, run for profit by hospital governors, has, as usual, on a question of justice to the profession it exploits, covered itself with ignominy. It trumpets forth its support of the policy of "Prussia in St. Pancras" with no uncertain sound, which no doubt will bring grist to its mills. It may be treated with the contempt it deserves.

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NURSES' GUILD.

The Catholic Women's League Nurses' Guild, 116, Victoria Street, S.W., is doing good work in providing a centre where nurses of the Roman faith can meet for social and professional intercourse. Members of the Guild, which is under the patronage of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and which numbers amongst its members nurses who are also members of the Irish Nurses' Association, have done good work in France and in Belgium, which are Catholic countries, where their services have been greatly appreciated by Catholics.

#### FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Miss Gertrude Keegan, cert. Guy's Hospital, and Miss Beryl H. Rawlings, Registered Nurse, cert. Timaru Hospital, New Zealand, leave for France on Friday, October 29th. The Committee are receiving an increased number of applications now that the regulation that the Sisters must sign for the duration of the war has been relaxed by the French Government, and a six months' service is permissible. Quite a number of Sisters who have completed a year's service with the F.F.N.C. are continuing their work, which they agree is intensely interesting, now that they speak French and understand how best to be useful. Of the French wounded there is but one opinion—that they are "the most heroic and grateful of men."

#### A NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MISS CAVELL.

The *Daily Telegraph* at once took the initiative in the organization of a National Memorial in honour of Edith Cavell, and its announcement that a statue would be erected in London met with instantaneous and widespread approval and support. The consent of our greatest sculptor, Sir George Frampton, R.A., to model the statue as a "labour of love" has aroused great enthusiasm: thus a work of art is assured, which cannot fail to adorn any site chosen for it.

#### THE CAVELL NURSING COLLEGE.

As Brussels was the scene of the matured work and martyrdom of Edith Cavell, we would suggest that a fund be raised to commemorate her in that fine city. The education and training of Belgian nurses was dear to her heart. Let there arise a beautiful Cavell College of Nursing in the capital of Belgium, "when the King comes to his own again," as those who love mercy and justice throughout the world are determined that he shall.

The *Daily Mirror* Memorial Fund is to be devoted to paying for the new Nurses' Home at the London Hospital, where Miss Cavell was trained. Queen Alexandra has desired that, instead of the "Alexandra Home," it shall be named the "Edith Cavell Home." This, of course, will be a local and not a national memorial, and should not be confused with such by those who desire that the nation as a whole should be able to commemorate the patriotism of one of its most noble daughters in an imperial manner.

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