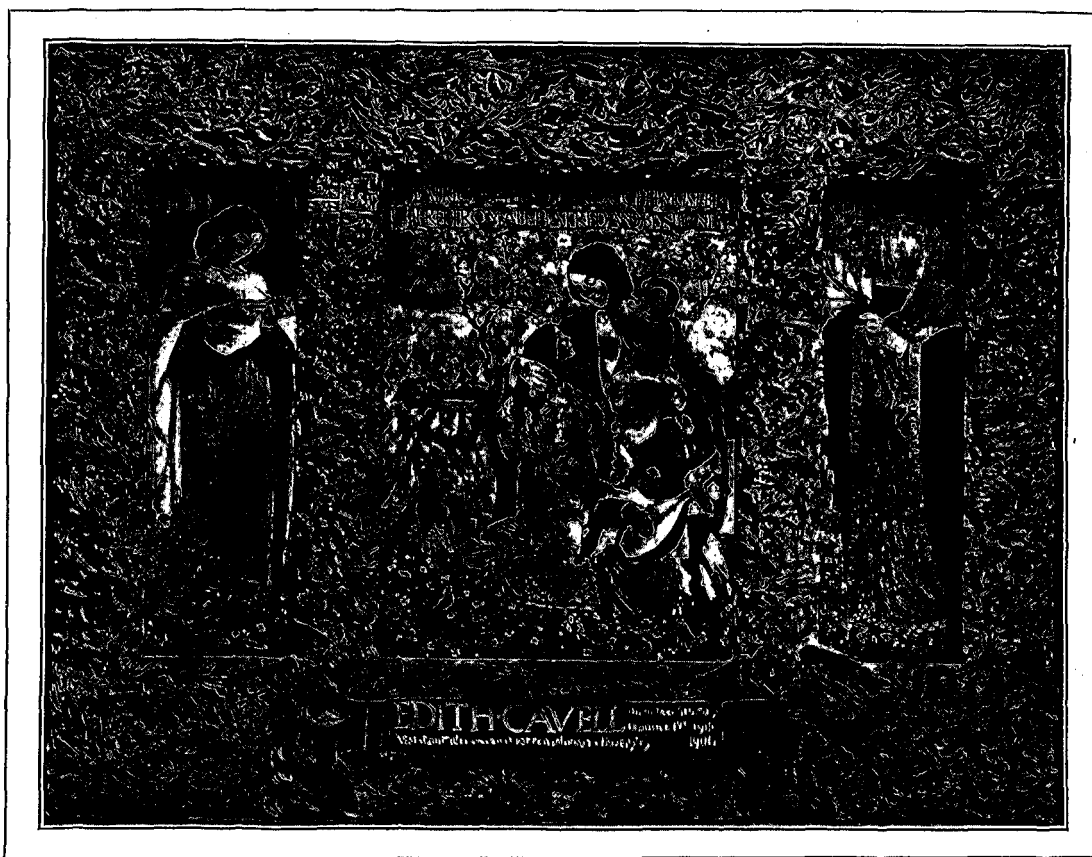


EDITH CAVELL.

CEREMONY OF UNVEILING A LOCAL MEMORIAL.

It was a happy thought that inspired the authorities to erect a memorial to Edith Cavell, the martyred nurse, in the Shoreditch Infirmary, where she lived for the space of three years as Assistant Matron; and it was peculiarly fitting that it should have been unveiled on the first anniversary of her martyrdom, namely, October 12th, 1916. Edith Cavell met her death at the hand of the German military authorities in Brussels

reverence her memory as one who, devoting her life to the service of others, did not fear to lose it. Her example will always be an inspiration to our noble sisterhood of nurses and the women of the country." The memorial, which is appropriately placed in the nurses' dining room, was unveiled by the Mayor of Shoreditch, Mr. H. Busby Bird. It consists of an oil painting in three panels, representing Faith, Hope and Charity. The latter is portrayed in the central panel as the charming figure of a woman with little children, grouped about her in a beautiful garden of flowers. The last words uttered by Edith Cavell, and which are



THE MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF EDITH CAVELL AT SHOREDITCH INFIRMARY.

on October 12th, 1915, after a mock trial. No one living will ever forget the first announcement of the judicial murder, nor the universal horror with which it was received. The story is too well known to need repetition. The irony of the circumstance was that her ministrations were devoted impartially to wounded Germans as well as Belgians.

Mr. Sholto Douglas, Chairman of the Infirmary Visiting Committee, presiding, read the following letter from Mr. Walter Long:—"It is a great honour to the Poor Law Service that Edith Cavell was once in its ranks. Englishmen will always

cherished by her compatriots, are inscribed above the group. "*Patriotism is not enough, one must be free from all hatred and bitterness.*" The tall and graceful figures of women symbolising Faith and Hope occupy the side panels. The inscription beneath is: "Edith Cavell, born December 4th, 1865; died October 12th, 1915. Assistant Matron, Shoreditch Infirmary, November, 1903, to March, 1906." The whole tablet is encased in a very handsome carved oak frame. The vivid colouring of the pictures will doubtless become mellowed by the hand of time.

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