

"THE PROTEST CARRIES NO WEIGHT."

To quote Sir Arthur Stanley further, he tells the public that the opinion of those trained nurses who refuse to subscribe to the dangerously autocratic Constitution of his College Company, which has taken power to remove a nurse's name from its register—*without power of appeal*—"carries no weight." That has yet to be proved, when the organized workers come to grips with their employers, in their coming struggle for legal status and freedom from tyranny, in the House of Commons.

But enough said.

The result of the Protest was instant and extraordinary, to judge from our post-bag, and sympathy with the "insignificant minority" produced immediate effect.

The Labour Party, which has always most loyally supported the claims of the organized nurses for State Registration—and voted for their Bill to a man when introduced into the House of Commons in 1914—at once grasped the economic significance of the Protest, "Nurses do not want Charity and plutocratic control—they ask for Justice," and that "funds to finance their Employers' Union through such a method as the Victory Ball was an insult, not only to the working nurses, but to the dead and mutilated men, whose intense suffering and heroic sacrifices the best nurses have shared with them all the years of the war."

THE LABOUR PARTY AND PLUTOCRATIC WASTE.

Having been denied the use of the Albert Hall for a few hours in which to hold a meeting, members of the Socialist wing of the Labour Party attended the Victory Ball to judge what sort of people were to be permitted to disport themselves there *all night*. Why this extravagant waste of light, coal, food and drink for the leisured class, when thousands of poor people are deprived of a mere sufficiency? Also, "a mother of men killed in battle" threatened, "if the Queen or any of the Royal Family are present, I will make a protest." Suffice it to say that what these visitors saw added fuel to the fire of their discontent, and one described as "sacrilegious" an "abandoned female wearing the honourable blue suit of the wounded soldier, with crutches all complete."

WIPING OUT THE INSULT.

On Saturday and Sunday last overflowing meetings of the Labour Party were held at the Albert Hall, and where a few days before "light London" had capered to finance the College of Nursing, Ltd., a Protest was offered from the platform from Matrons and Nurses against the notorious function organized by the *Daily Sketch*.

"Nurses," it was stated, "do not want Charity. They ask for Justice and your help in passing their democratic State Registration Bill, now before the House of Commons in charge of Major Chapple." At the words, "Nurses do not want Charity," the huge audience broke into such tumultuous and sympathetic applause that the final words of the speaker could not be heard.

It was the sound of the tocsin so far as the *ancien régime* in relation to Nursing is concerned.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Kensington Dispensary and Children's Hospital, Church Street, Kensington.—Miss K. M. Moore has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and subsequently held the position of Sister at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., Matron of its Convalescent Branch at Highgate, and Matron of the Children's Hospital, Nottingham.

Samaritan Free Hospital for Women, Marylebone Road, N.W. 1.—Miss Winifred Tice has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and, as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, was Sister-in-Charge of a Clearing Station in France and at the Military Hospital, Colchester.

Eltham and Mottingham Cottage Hospital.—Miss Mary Young Thomson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has been Theatre Sister in a women's surgical ward, and Assistant Matron at the General Infirmary, Worcester, and Sister at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, and in connection with the Salonika Field Force in connection with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Bideford and District Hospital, North Devon.—Miss Jennie Jones has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General and Eye Hospital, Llanelly, and has held positions of responsibility in the same institution, at the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W., and at the Aberystwyth Infirmary and Cardigan General Hospital.

Isolation Hospital, Malvern.—Miss J. E. Gilbert has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, Colinton Mains, Edinburgh, and the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, and has been Ward Sister and Deputy Matron at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Huddersfield, Sister in-Charge of the Sankey Sanatorium, Warrington, and Superintendent of Nurses at the Fever Hospital, Blackburn.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.—Miss Margaret L. Adams has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and at King's College Hospital, London, and has done war service with the Scottish Hospitals at Royauumont and Villers Cotteret. She has also been Night Superintendent at the Empire Hospital Vincent Square, S.W.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen.—Miss Christian B. Lumsden has been appointed Assistant Matron (temporary). She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and has been Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen; Assistant Matron at Morningside Asylum, Edinburgh; Matron at the James Murray

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